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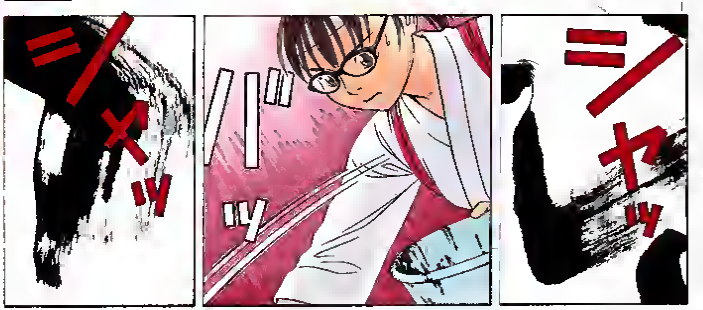

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Seishun (Youth) Amigo

2007 NEW YEAR
とめはねっ!
鈴里高校書道部
第一話 青春アミーゴ
女の園の書道部に入部することに!?
一匹の小ギツネ…
その運命やいかに!?
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It's 書 TIME!!!!!!
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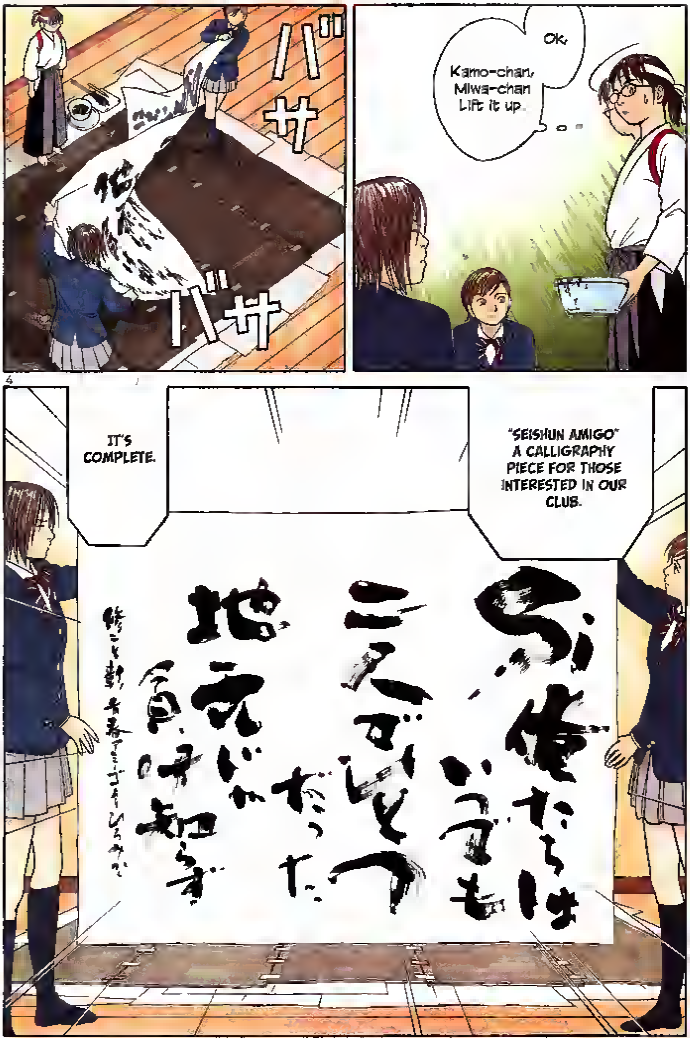

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Calligraphy by Mami Maruta (Hachioji high school teacher)

"SEISHUN AMIGO" (lyrics by Zopp composed by Fredrik Hult/Ola Larsson/Jonas Engstrand/Shusui) ©2005 by Reactive Songs International AB/JOHNNY COMPANY/NIPPON TELEVISION MUSIC CORPORATION JASRAC 出0704815-701

Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
Murmur
So this is calligraphy
Oh?
5
No reaction ...?
.....
Oh my...

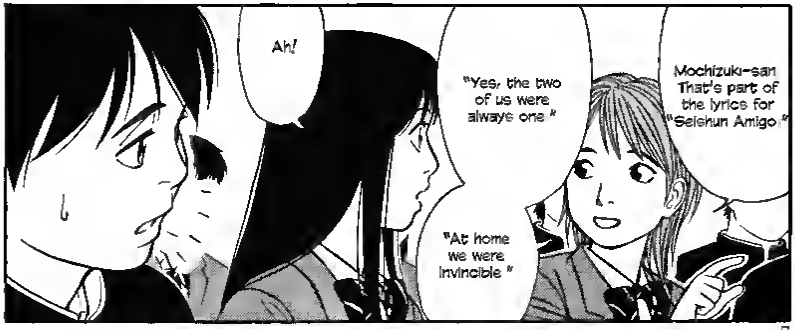
I wonder...
6
Can you read it?
What she wrote on that paper?

Uh a-are you asking me?
Um let's see

ドキッ

Why are you apologizing?
?

I'm sorry
I can't read it


Ah!
"Yes, the two of us were always one"
"At home we were invincible"
Mochizuki-san That's part of the lyrics for "Seishun Amigo."

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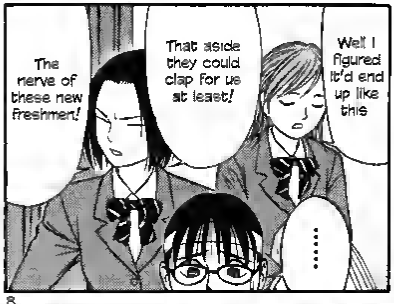
I was surprised when she started talking to me all the sudden.
I didn't realize such a pretty girl was sitting next to me.

Besides that.
Oh is that what it was..? But I didn't know the lyrics to that song

I don't get it at all!
!
. Still why would the calligraphy club go out of their way to make it unreadable.


The nerve of these new freshmen!
That aside they could clap for us at least!
Well I figured it'd end up like this
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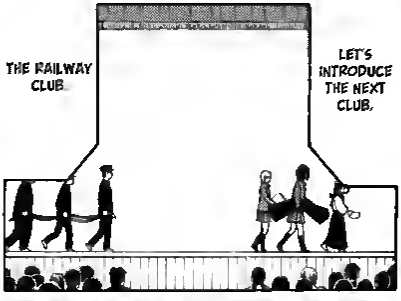
THE RAILWAY CLUB.
LET'S INTRODUCE THE NEXT CLUB.

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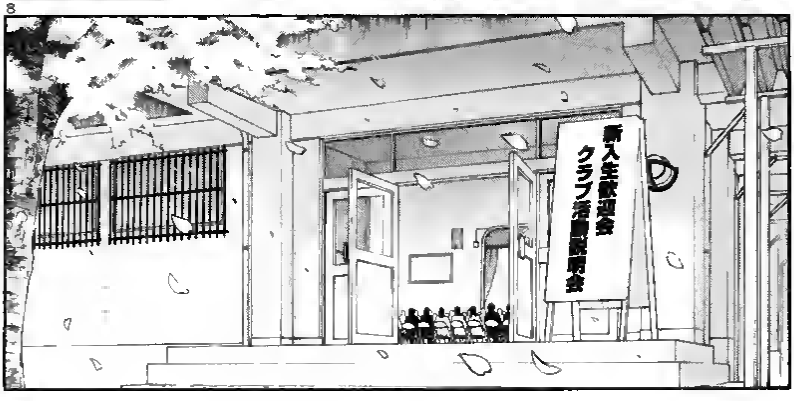
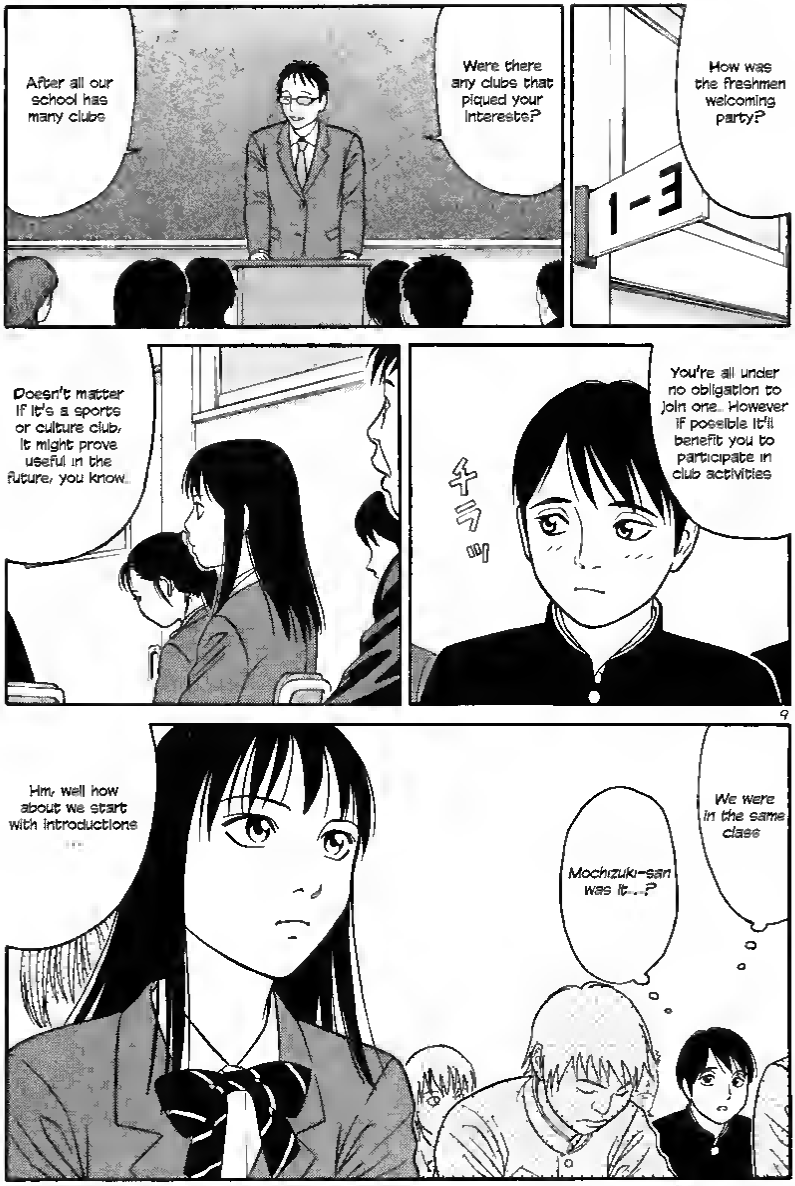
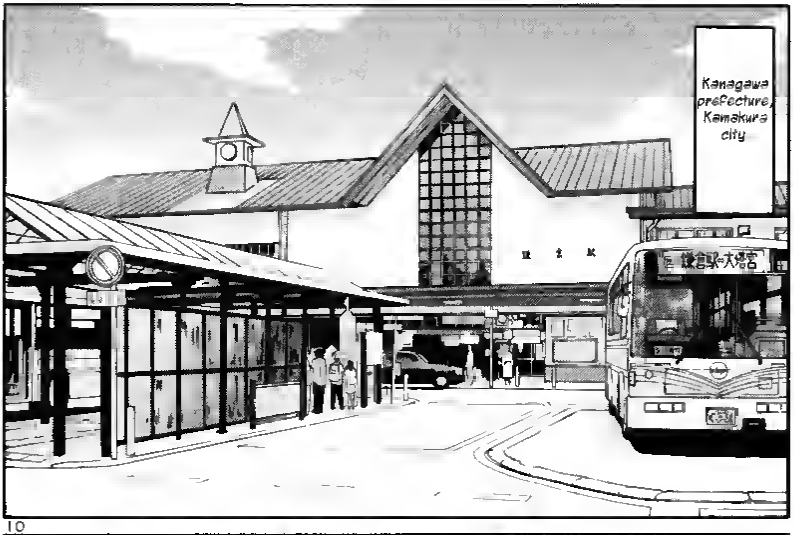

新入生歓迎会
クラブ活動説明会


After all our school has many clubs
Were there any clubs that piqued your interests?
How was the freshmen welcoming party?
1-3
Doesn't matter if it's a sports or culture club, it might prove useful in the future, you know.
チラッ
You're all under no obligation to join one. However if possible it'll benefit you to participate in club activities
Hm, well how about we start with introductions ...
Mochizuki-san was it...?
We were in the same class


Kanagawa prefecture, Kamakura city...

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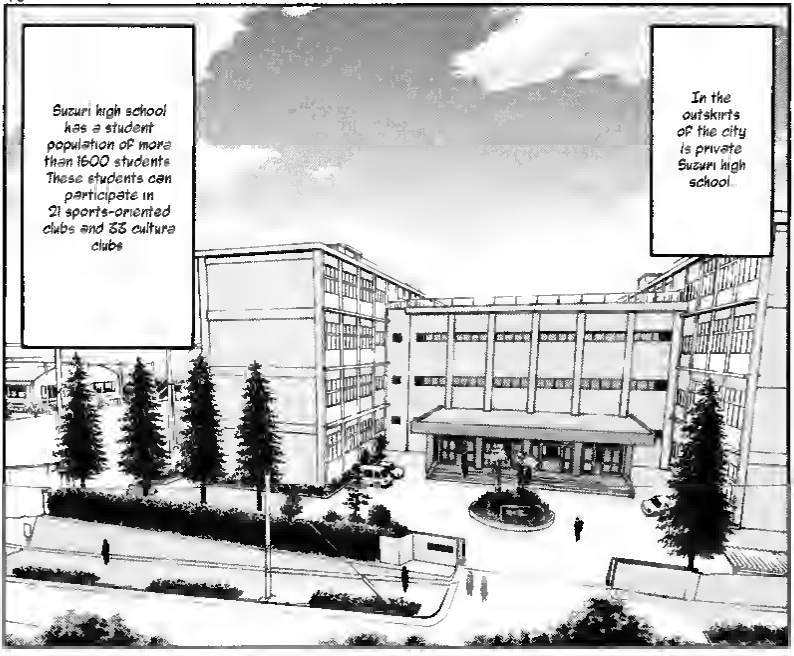
Suzuri high school has a student population of more than 1600 students. These students can participate in 21 sports-oriented clubs and 33 culture clubs
In the outskirts of the city is private Suzuri high school...

In a remote corner on the first floor
One of these clubs located in the northern school building...
ズルズル
ボヨーン
...I've been wondering what you're up to for a while now Kamo-chan?
Oh this is working I can feel the burn on my stomach muscles

Why must you do that during club time!
And?
That's what is written on here
Yoga that makes you prettier 15 minutes a day...
WHOA! You came trambling down!
OUCH!
WHA!
Come on It's okay My 15 minutes are almost
ガシ
ゴン
.....
!
That hurts! I landed on my hip.
フフフ
You punk! Do you think a ball like yourself can oppose your human overlords!

Kamo-chan, the calligraphy club is—
No, it's not that but
Huh? Did I really make you angry?
What's wrong Hino-chan?
Why?
HUH?
If things stay like this we might lose our club
The calligraphy club is—
It's been a week since I entered this school—

If I join one I can practice speaking with others
A club huh?
It's probably because I still can't speak Japanese well
I'm not getting bullied, but I haven't made any friends either.
Oh Good bye
G-Good bye
Speaking of which, She hasn't said a word to me ever since that day
Huh
Yes?
Can you do me a favor?
Hey You're one of my students right?
Thank you
Take it to the calligraphy room at the end of the east wing on the first floor
Ah wait...
Eh?
I'm kind of busy right now
I want you to carry this

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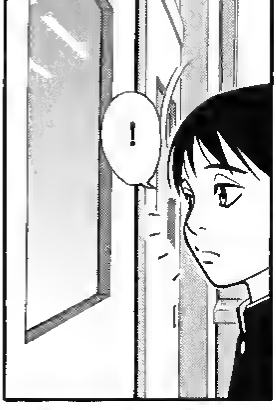
If we don't gather 5 members within this month our club will be abolished!?
Is that true!?
It's been one week since the new term started, and not one person has come to check us out
That's why I was hoping we would get new students this year...
That's nearly as many as 5 more people than we have now!
I was told since there are 33 culture clubs in this school now, budget distribution is going to be a problem...
We have 3 people right now.
15
What are you going to do?
I can't just sit and watch!
This sucks. They are going to close us down!
No, that was something out of our hands!
Even at the freshmen welcoming party they didn't take to our calligraphy exhibition...
Oh? Okay
For now I'm going to change clothes.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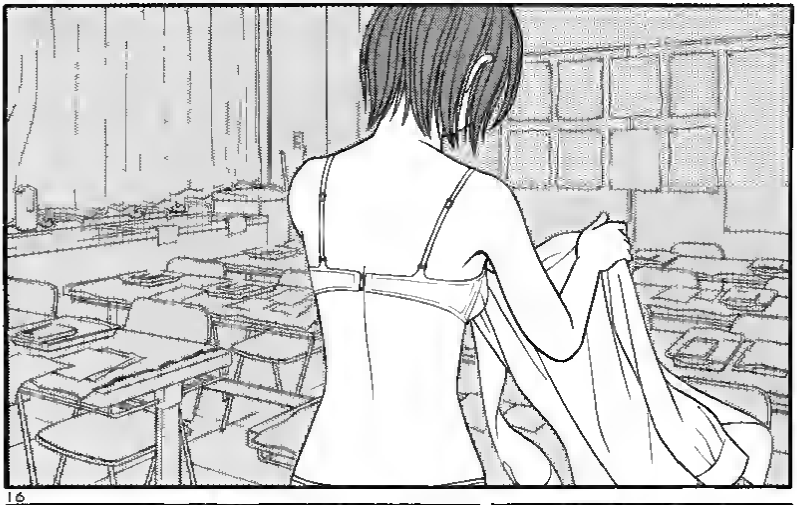
Oh it's right here

Calligraphy Room



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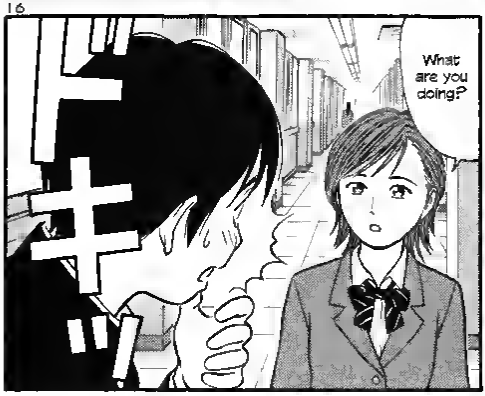
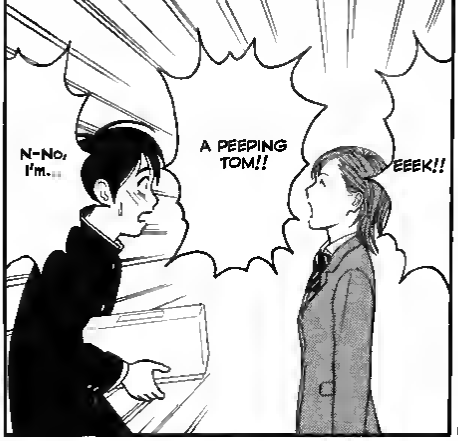
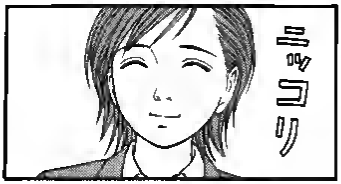

ドキッ!
What are you doing?

How come?
HUH?
There's a girl changing in there?


N-No, I'm...
A PEEPING TOM!!
EEEK!!

I-I'm just...
Eh? Uh umm...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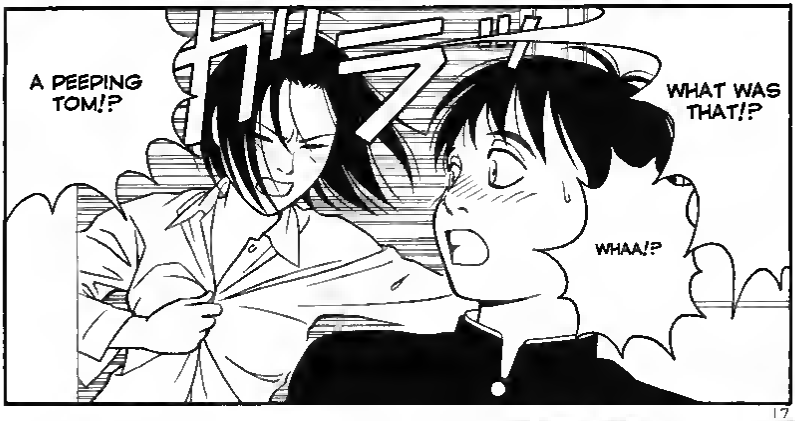
A PEEPING TOM!?
WHAT WAS THAT!?
WHAA!?

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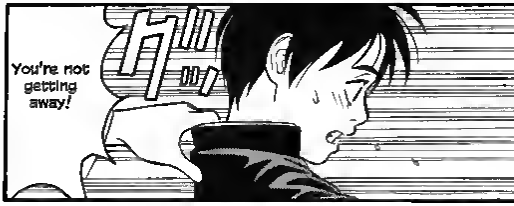
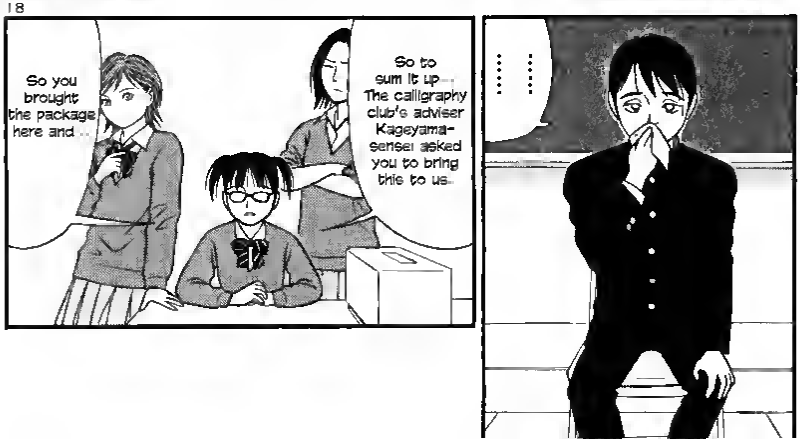
What's that supposed to mean Miwa-chan!
What a maniacal pervert!
Oh, Kamo-chan was the one getting dressed?


You're not getting away!

Oof!

What's an outsider doing near this room at the end of the first floor!
Then what were you doing!
I WASN'T PEEPING!!
Y-You're wrong!!
.....
!
Well, I was told to bring this...

Oh my a nosebleed?
OH!
Kamo-chan, he's looking away because you're not wearing your skirt
See he's looking away! I knew it! He's suspici...


So you brought the package here and...
So to sum it up... The calligraphy club's adviser Kageyama-sensei asked you to bring this to us.
.....

His timing is too impeccable!
I wonder about that!
So then you happen to walk in on Kamo-chan getting dressed accidentally.
HEY YOU! ARE YOU LISTEN-ING!?
Y-YES! I AM!!
I don't think he's lying
But surely there is calligraphy paper inside the box
.....
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I'll try to humor them a bit
As I recall, during the freshman welcoming party you girls wrote on a huge piece of paper.
Um, yes we are why do you ask?
Um are all you girls part of the calligraphy club?

That was amazing
I was very impressed
!
Oh?
Trying to suck up all the sudden
Um, No not at all. That's
It might be a little. However...
ピキ
It's the first time in my life I've seen such a thing. Calligraphy being written right in front of me like that.
That's... How could I say it...
I thought it was very beautiful.
ガタ
スタスタスタ

Thank you
It makes me very happy to hear you say that!
Thank you!
Hm? Hold on!
She's crying
O-Okay
Did I say something bad? I really thought it was very good
You look like you're interested in calligraphy correct?
Hey you!
I'll explain the reason why later Miwa-chan
Huuh? You want a boy to join?
EH?
So in that case why don't you join our club?

Um being told that so suddenly I just...
We certainly want people like you to join us
To tell you the truth, our club is currently accepting applications for new members
WHAAAT!?
But if you don't join I'm going to spread rumors about how you were peeping on me while changing
Yeah, you're right being told that all the sudden is a bit much
Oh, that sounds fun
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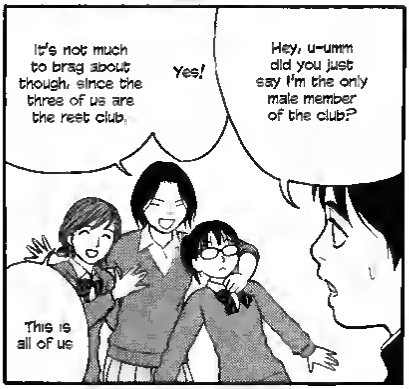
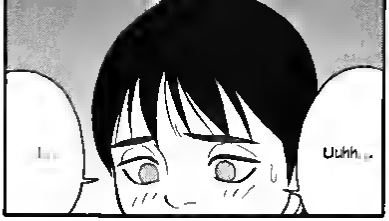
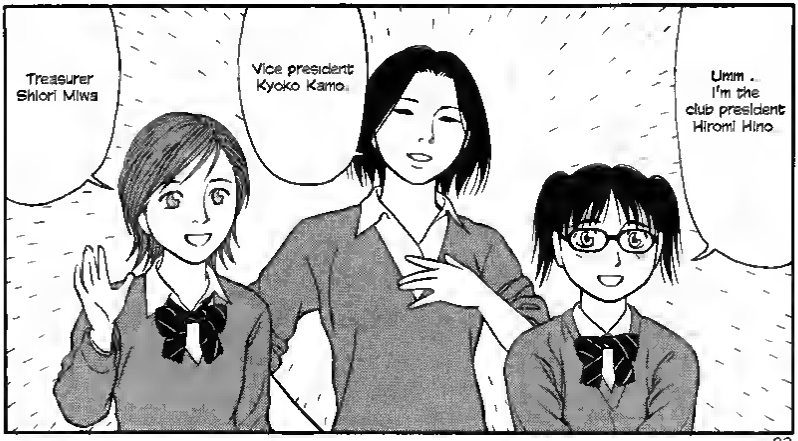
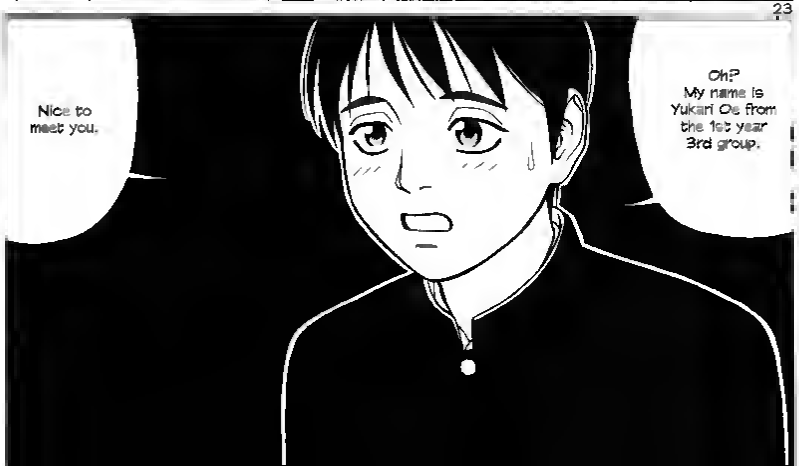
Or will you spend them as the sole male member of the calligraphy club!?
So come now! Although you just started school, will you spend the rest of your days labeled a perverted peeping fiend!?
Come! Come! Pick!
Surely it's for the sake of the club grumble grumble
We're not going to get out of this jam without making a few sacrifices
Let's be smart about this Hino-chan
Kamo-chan! That's blackmail!

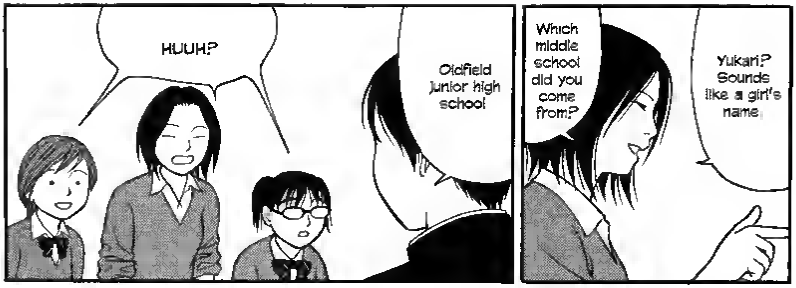

Hey, u-umm did you just say I'm the only male member of the club?
Yes!
It's not much to brag about though, since the three of us are the rest club.
This is all of us

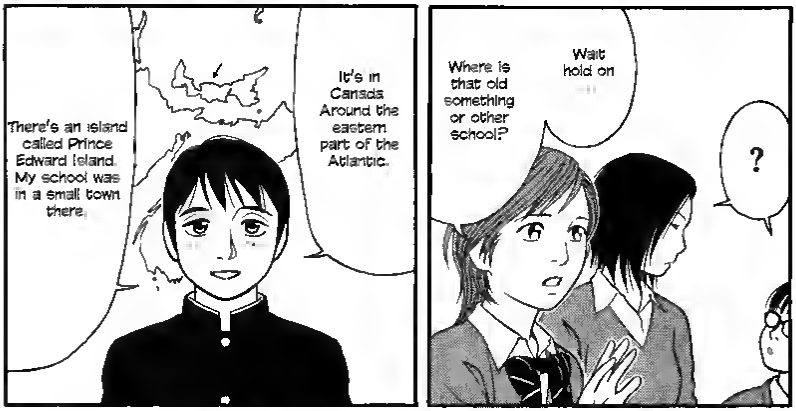

Uuhh...

ガックリ
Alright. I'll join


Treasurer Shiori Miwa
Vice president Kyoko Kamo.
Umm. I'm the club president Hiromi Hino


Nice to meet you.
Oh? My name is Yukari Oe from the 1st year 3rd group.


HUUH?
Oldfield junior high school
Which middle school did you come from?
Yukari? Sounds like a girl's name.


It's in Canada. Around the eastern part of the Atlantic.
There's an island called Prince Edward Island. My school was in a small town there.
Where is that old something or other school?
Wait hold on
?

I'll be honest with you.
Um Oe-kun was it?
Yes, well... It was decided for me to come back
You're a returnee?
So does that mean,
Yeah...
Kamo-chan that's rude!
But you don't look like a returnee at all

.....
25
Well last week when we had to do self-introductions, everyone in my class had the same reaction.
I'm already used to it.
Oh speaking of which,
When did you go to Canada?

What do you mean by "that" Miwa-chan?
That's going to be a bit of a problem
So that means, you were here until second grade?
8 years ago...
AH!
What about it?
If he left the country when he was that small, he's probably never done "penmanship" lessons
You don't get it?
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Excuse me. What are these penmanship lessons?

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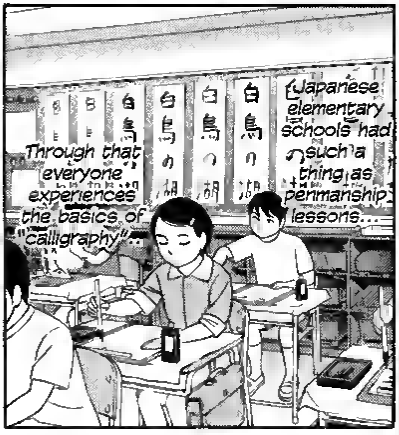
Through that everyone experiences the basics of "calligraphy"...
Japanese elementary schools had such a thing as penmanship lessons...

I didn't know...
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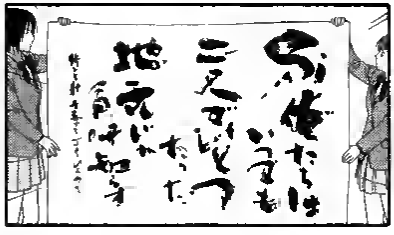
But that's strange...
Hmm?



But it seems like it's something every Japanese person has to learn...
I've seen stuff on calligraphy in Canada through special TV reports on Japanese culture...

I wonder what she wrote on that paper. Can you read it?
Everyone in the gymnasium had no reaction at all. And also
Although the piece the club president wrote was very good...
Why couldn't she read it?
That's not what I mean, she should have received penmanship lessons as well and yet...
Aaah
At that time Mochizuki-san looked so cute...
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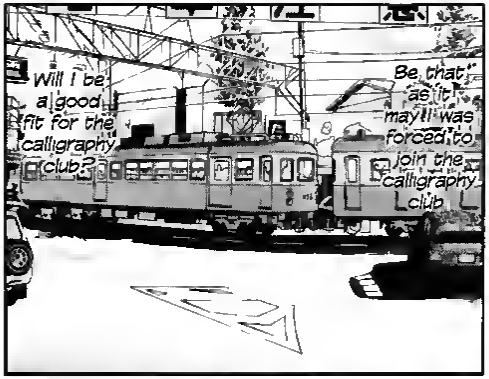
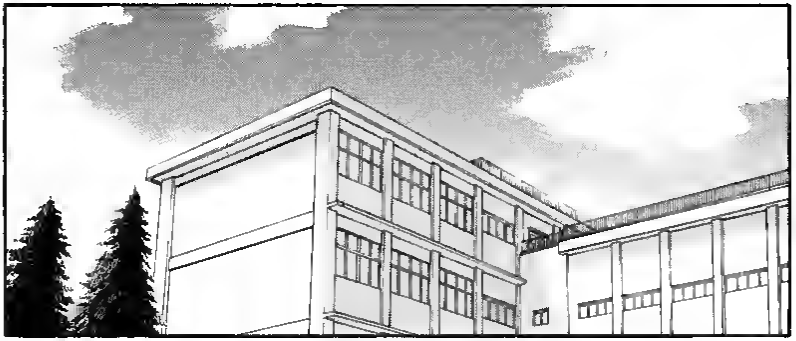
Along with calligraphy clubs having few members... Could it be due to the widespread use of "texting"?
Wait? The reason they can't read characters written in calligraphy...
At any rate, it's quite normal that all Japanese high school students carry cellphones.


Will I be a good fit for the calligraphy club?
Be that as it may!! I was forced to join the calligraphy club

I also want a cellphone too...
No, it could be just me having an inferiority complex?



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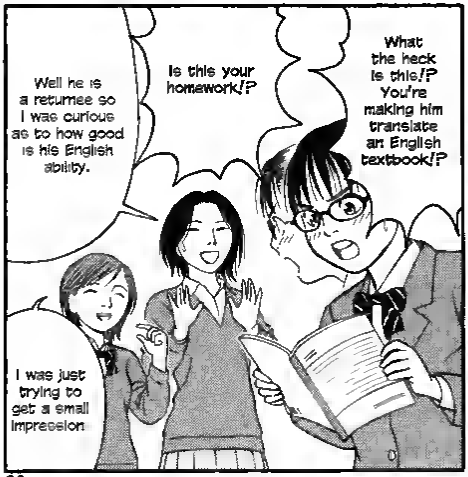
You're pretty good at this
You're amazing You write so smoothly

Yes, just like that
書道教室

Oh crap
That's admirable. You're doing your job as his senpai.
The two of you are teaching Oe-kun?

Oh?
Sorry for being late


Well he is a returnee so I was curious as to how good is his English ability.
Is this your homework!?
What the heck is this!? You're making him translate an English textbook!?
I was just trying to get a small impression

Huh?
Let's take a look

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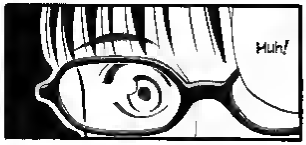
Go buy it with this money. Also while you're at it buy some for us as well.
Yukari, as a reward I'll treat you to some juice.
It's not like we weren't going to pay him back for his efforts.
Okay

1,2,3 there are so many pages!
Hey? What's this?


Huh!

Yukari our gof...err he just left on a quick errand
Huh where did he go?
Hey! Oe-kun this is
You better be back in 5 minutes
I'll be going now.
It's the notes Yukari wrote down
Eh?
Oh yeah More importantly look!
Well it's just that he's so obedient
What the hell are you doing! I can't even look away for a second!

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That's
Him?
Mochizuki-san!?

We can get to know each other more over a light chat.
It'll be cool. Just hang out with me for a while
I got to hurry the vice president told me to be back in 5 minutes.
If it's just some guy hitting on her. Then there's no need for me to get involved...
Is he just trying to hit on her?
N-No...
Is she having a fight with him?
T-That is...
32
Oh?
I said I can't
I have to go to my club right now
That guy is bigger and looks strong. That's why you're just running away!!
You know that's not the case!!

I'll be on my way...
I'm in a hurry.
I said wait up!
H-Hey wait...
T-that bitch...
33
Nilice! Despite your appearance you've got spunk...
Oh gotcha now
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!!

You're so annoying!

Huh?

UUH!
WHOOAH!?
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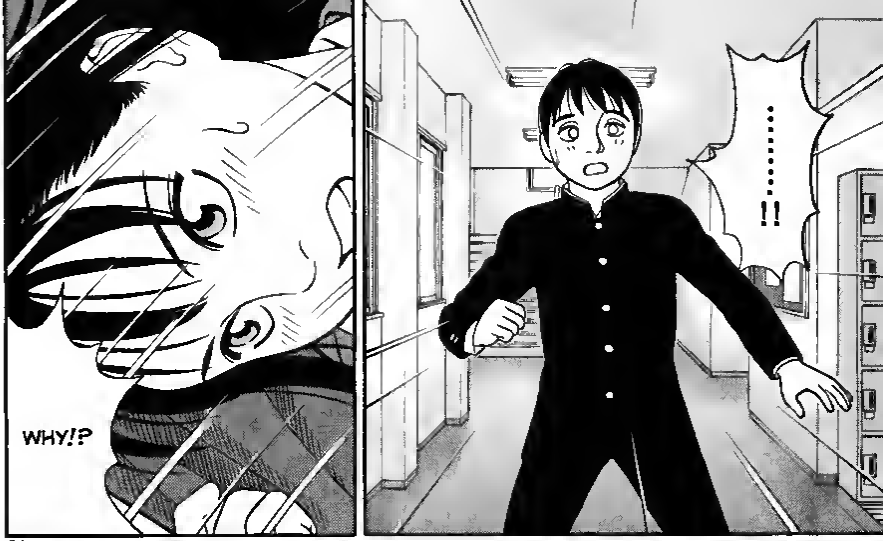
WHY!?
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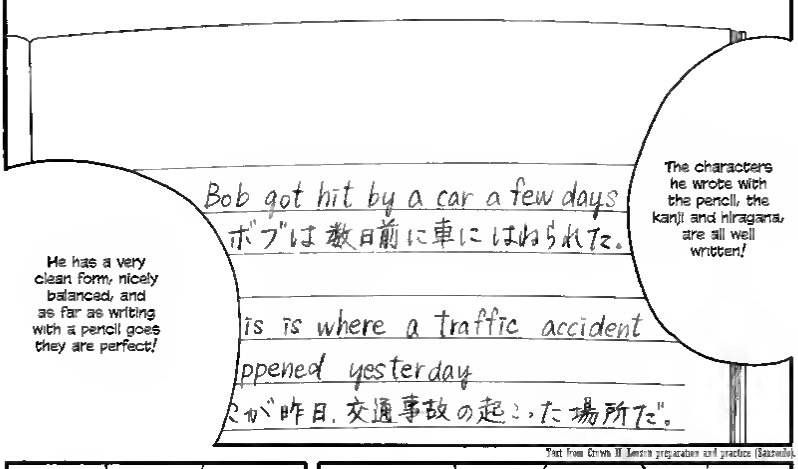
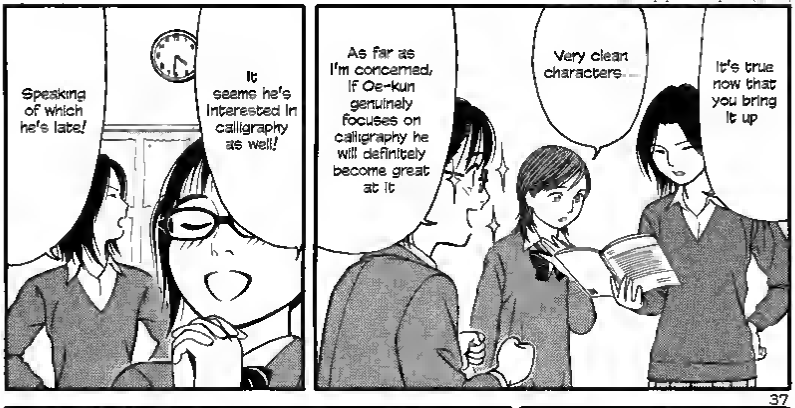
WHY IS
HE THERE!?


Bob got hit by a car a few days
ボブは数日前に車にはねられた。
is is where a traffic accident
ppened yesterday
こが昨日、交通事故の起こった場所だ。
He has a very clean form, nicely balanced, and as far as writing with a pencil goes they are perfect!
The characters he wrote with the pencil, the kanji and hiragana, are all well written!

Text from Grade II Kanji preparation and practice (Sanseido).


Speaking of which he's late!
It seems he's interested in calligraphy as well!
As far as I'm concerned, if Oe-kun genuinely focuses on calligraphy he will definitely become great at it
Very clean characters...
It's true now that you bring it up

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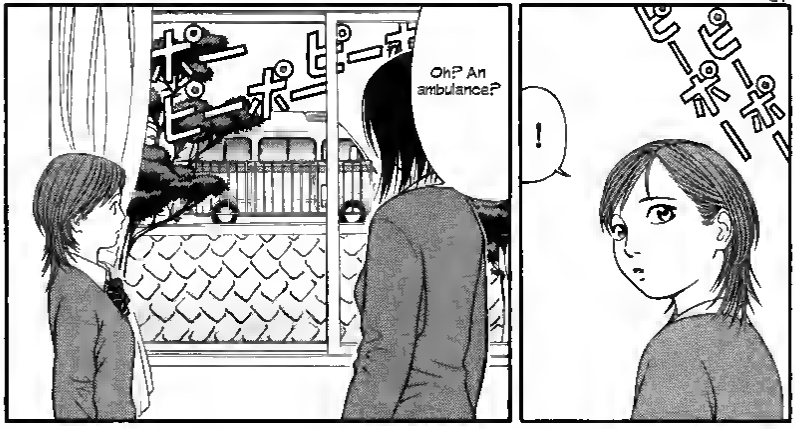

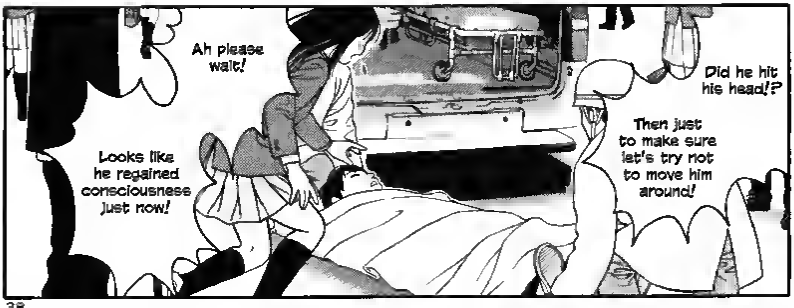
Ah please wait!
Looks like he regained consciousness just now!
Did he hit his head!?
Then just to make sure let's try not to move him around!

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SO PLEASE DON'T DIE!!
She's subtlety trying to avoid responsibility?
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME A KILLER!!
HEY STOP MOVING HIM!!

HEY YOU MUSTN'T SHAKE HIM!!
Hey! Can you hear me? It wasn't on purpose okay! It's not like I was aiming for you!

I was thinking that just as I was losing consciousness
She's beautiful even when she cries...

Mochizuki-san...
Aahh

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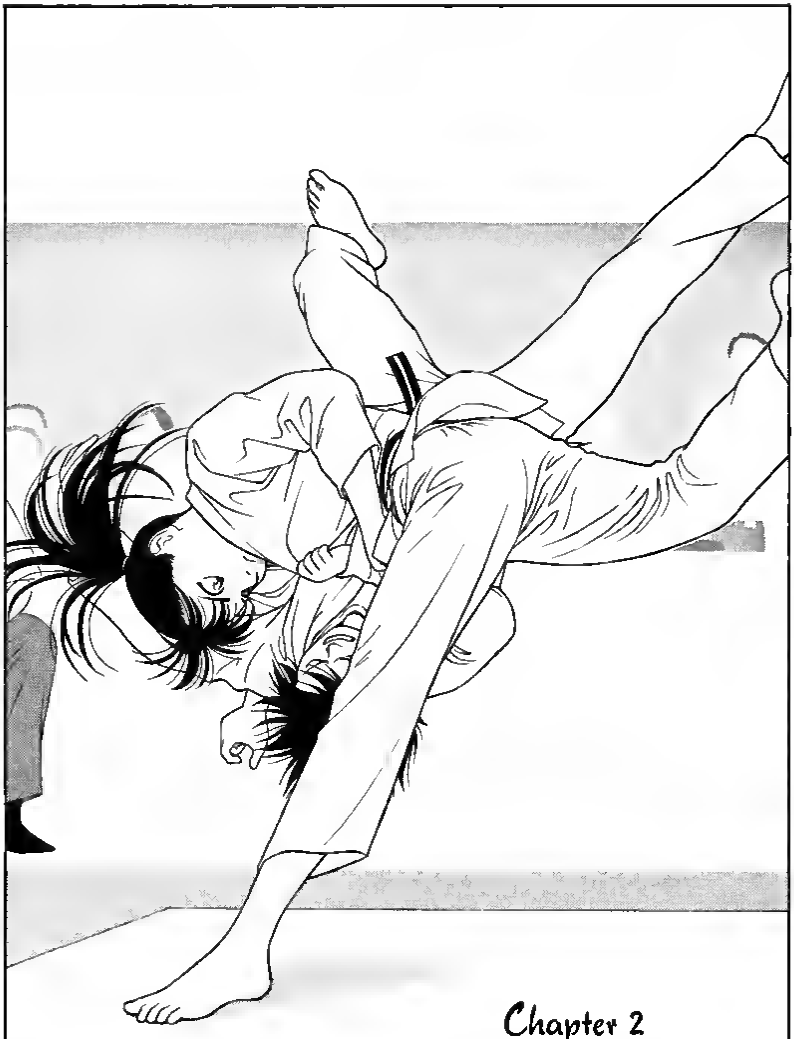

Chapter 2
Yuki Mochizuki

4月15日
SUZU-HIGH TIMES
EXTRA
FRESHMAN YUKI MOCHIZUKI-SAN'S BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENT!
RUNNER-UP IN THE ALL-JAPAN WOMEN'S JUDO WEIGHT CLASS TOURNAMENT!!
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I knew Mochizuki-san was an amazing person.
She was able to throw that big guy so easily that time—
A freshman placing 2nd in an All-Japan tournament?
That's amazing
But Yawara-chan wasn't in that tournament right?

And I ended up with a broken hand instead. How stupid of me...
That notwithstanding, I went completely out of character to play the hero and help her out...

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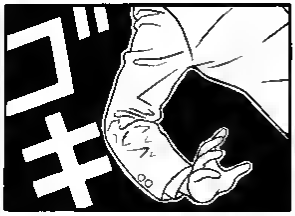
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Hey! Hey! Is it true that your match was on TV?
Um, yeah seems like it was...
FOR REAL ON TV? WAS IT THAT BIG OF A TOURNAMENT?
Of course! It was a tournament to decide number 1 in all of Japan!

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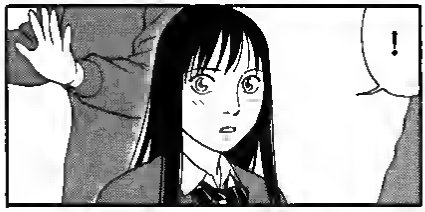
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WHOA!! AND YOU WON IN THAT TOURNA-MENT!
Oh, I didn't win. I was the runner-up...

Uh, umm... I'm fine. It wasn't that bad.
How are your injuries?
I'm really sorry for last week
Oh, hello
Oe-kun
But...
I shouldn't have been standing there...
N-No not at all. It's my fault
It's my fault for using that judo move
But you hurt your hand it'll be hard to keep up with your studies, right?
4
And on the first half of 2nd century Rome became a strong nation in control of most of the Mediterranean but...
Who knows?
Don't tell me that's the type of guys she's into?
Eh? Why is Mochizuki-san talking with that disappointing returnee?

ケシケシ
The plebeians fell in ruin So the Gracchi brothers...
.....
He can't take proper notes because of his injured right hand...
He's just underlining stuff in the textbook with his left hand...
At any rate..
I shouldn't have been standing there...
Even if he forgave me I still feel guilty about the whole thing
I've done a terrible thing...
5
I wonder why he was there at that time?

I-I'm going to stop by my club before I go home.
Uh no
Are you going home now? Or are you going to the hospital?
BA-DUMP!
Oe-kun
Ah...
So bye.
I don't have much time.
A normal culture club
Eer That's...
Which one did you join, Oe-kun?
Club?
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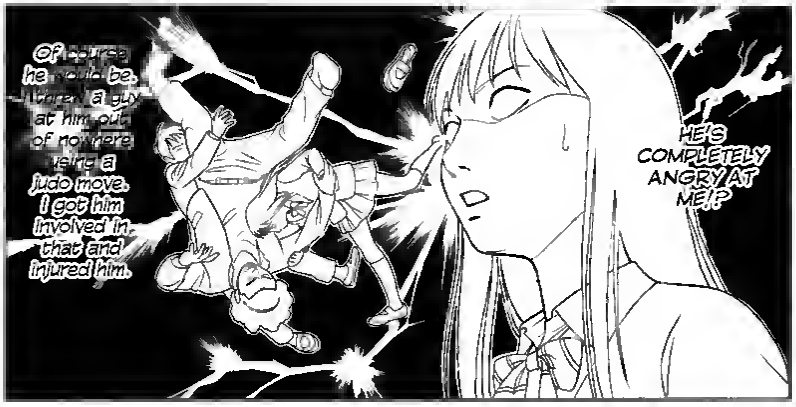
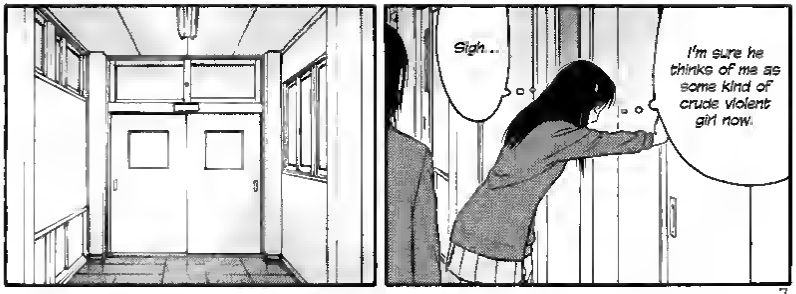
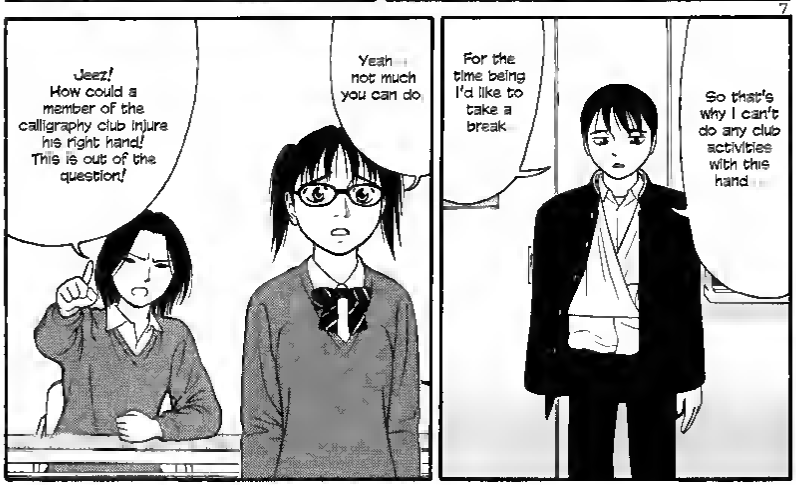
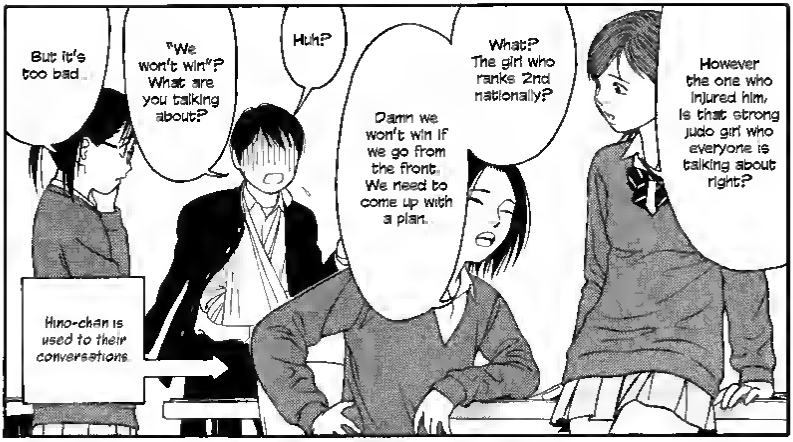
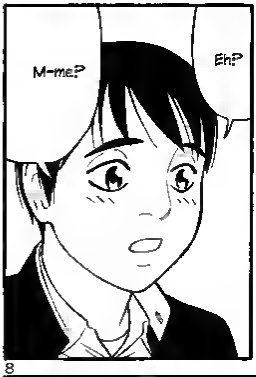
This is...
What the? It's like he ran away from me...
Hey hold on
Ah...


Of course he would be. I threw a guy at him out of nowhere. It's a judo move. I got him involved in that and injured him.
HE'S COMPLETELY ANGRY AT ME!?


Sigh...
I'm sure he thinks of me as some kind of crude violent girl now.


Jeez! How could a member of the calligraphy club injure his right hand! This is out of the question!
Yeah... not much you can do.
For the time being I'd like to take a break.
So that's why I can't do any club activities with this hand...


But it's too bad...
"We won't win"? What are you talking about?
Huh?
What? The girl who ranks 2nd nationally?
Damn we won't win if we go from the front. We need to come up with a plan.
However the one who injured him, is that strong judo girl who everyone is talking about right?
Hino-chan is used to their conversations.


M-me?
Eh?

I thought Oe-kun could take part in it.

After this month there's a calligraphy tournament in the town hall.

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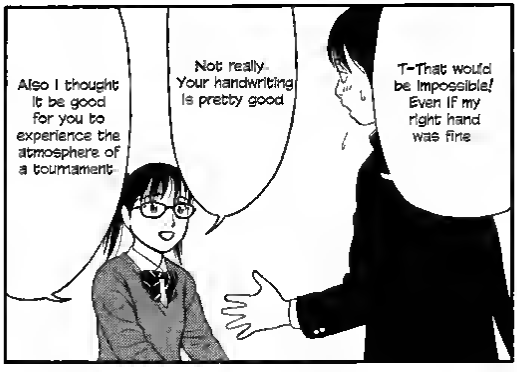
I-I'm sorry!
Damn it! What bad timing you have!
Kamo-chan stop picking on him!


Also I thought it be good for you to experience the atmosphere of a tournament.
Not really. Your handwriting is pretty good.
T-That would be impossible! Even if my right hand was fine.

ピンポン
Hino-chan
ガラガラ
Well if you'll excuse me
Use? For what?
We might be able to use this
……
Let me see that tournament notice
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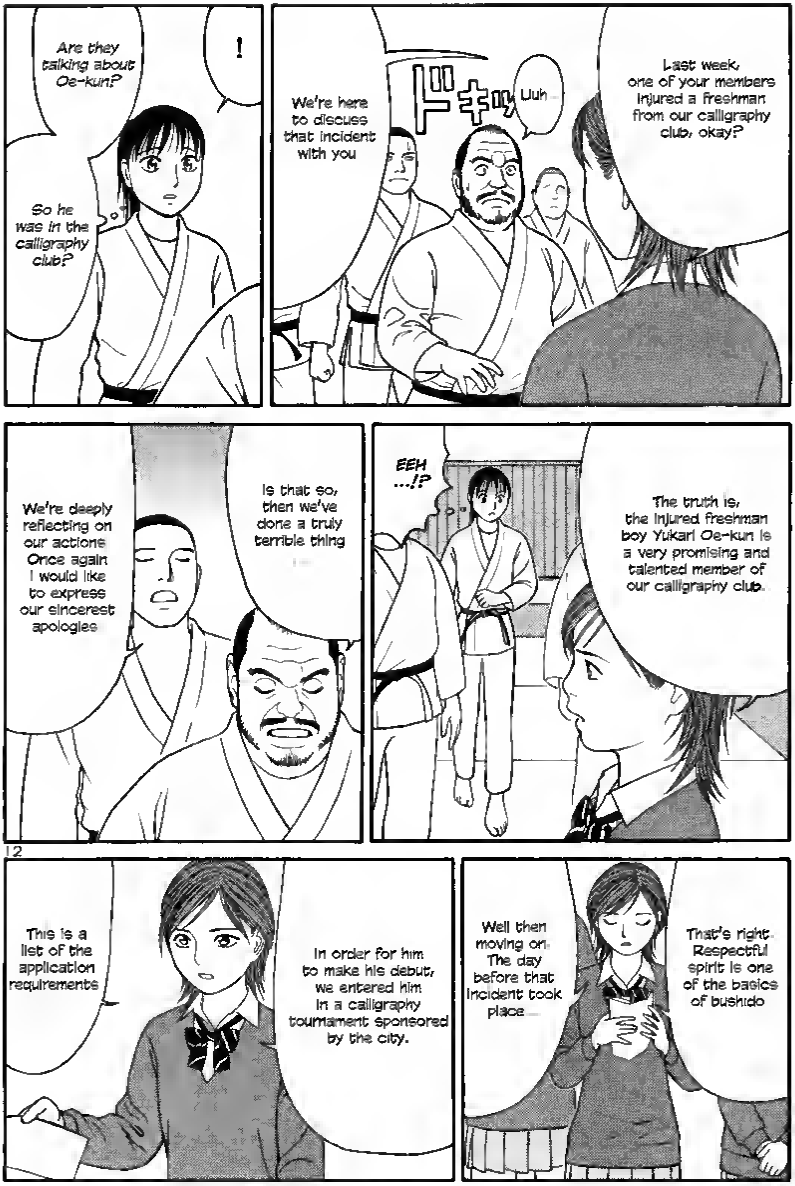
うぉ
だぁ
We're still in need of one more person right?
To get a new club member
I just came up with an idea

Alright, You're on fire Mochizuki!
Keep it up
YAAH!!
Also she seems really irritated by something today...
There are no other girls in the team who can keep up with her
...say sensei she's too intense
Oh ?
So many spectators.
Right, Hino-chan.
Hey coming through
Y-Yea
I'm sure if I devote myself all day to practice I'll get over it
It's just one boy who hates me

Um
Where is the judo team's... adviser and... team captain?
The judo team's sensei and...
...Team captain are they around?
JUDO TEAM'S ADVISER AND TEAM CAPTAIN!!
SHOW YOUR-SELVES!!
?
Ah, excuse us. We are from the calligraphy club...
We're here to negotiate.
Our treasurer Miwa will go into further details.
W-Who are you girls?
We're in the middle of practice


Are they talking about Oe-kun?
!
So he was in the calligraphy club?
We're here to discuss that incident with you
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Uuh
Last week, one of your members injured a freshman from our calligraphy club, okay?
We're deeply reflecting on our actions. Once again I would like to express our sincerest apologies
Is that so, then we've done a truly terrible thing
EEH ...!?
The truth is, the injured freshman boy Yukari Oe-kun is a very promising and talented member of our calligraphy club.
This is a list of the application requirements
In order for him to make his debut, we entered him in a calligraphy tournament sponsored by the city.
Well then moving on. The day before that incident took place...
That's right. Respectful spirit is one of the basics of bushido

Huuh . Uhh
However we think for the moment more than his entry, we would like to participate in the tournament. Produce good results which would be the best method to encourage the injured Oe-kun
Well, we've lost our aim of having Oe-kun appear in the tournament
Entry requirements "4 or more people"
It's written on that requirement list no?
Entry requirements local as well as prefect
*4 or more people
Of course this is forged
*Each person's bru
So that's where we have one problem
What is that ?
Huh?
Nice Miwa-chan is coming up with this so smoothly in succession
Shush
13
So then, we request you let us borrow someone from the judo team until the tournament
!!
Presently our calligraphy club is the three of us excluding Oe-kun. As such we can not participate in our current condition

Scary girl.
Don't tell me that was all lip service sensei?
Didn't you say you're "deeply reflecting" just now?
Oh my?
H-Hey hold on that's...
Obviously the person who injured Oe-kun would do right?
Well the reason for this...
Who could we spare...
Yes, but...
It should be fine no? I mean after all you have so many members.
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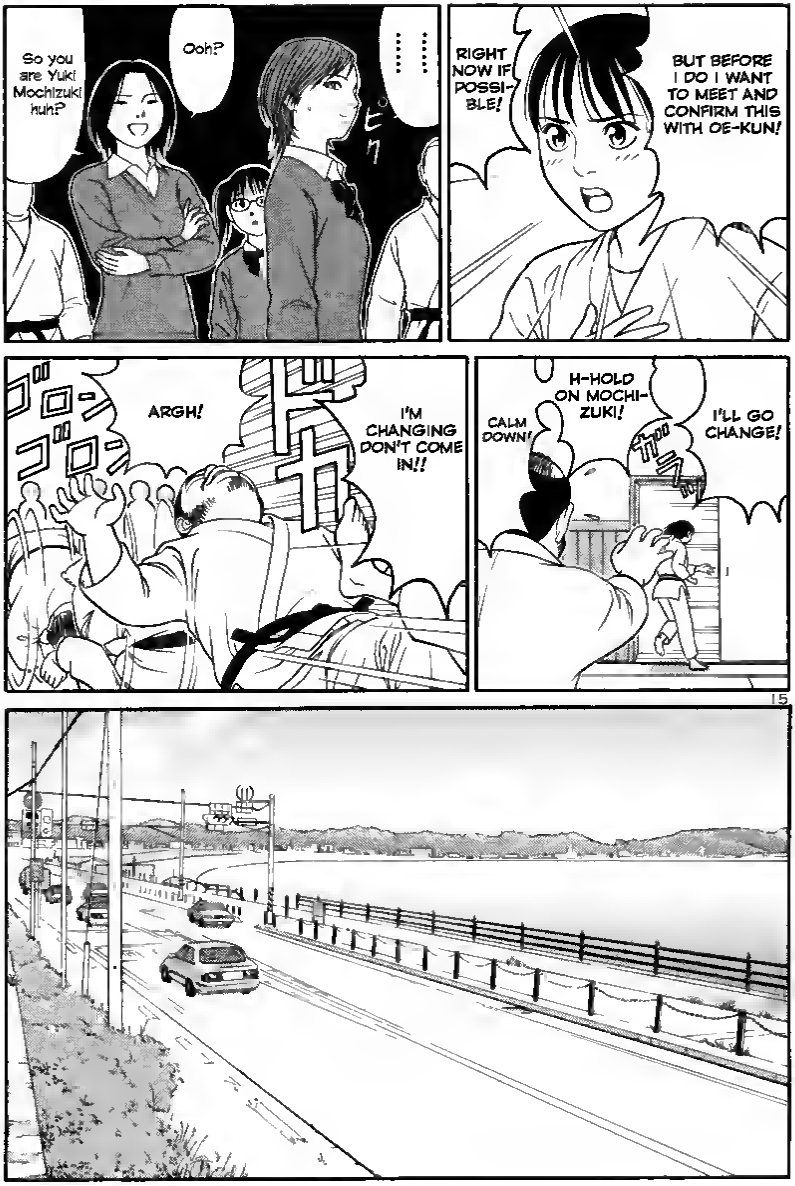
WHAT! H-HEY HOLD ON MOCHIZUKI!
I'll go with them!
SENSEI!
MOCHIZUKI JUST BECAME 2ND IN ALL OF JAPAN. SHE'S OUR TEAM'S, NO OUR SCHOOL'S TREASURE!
NO! THAT'S ASKING A LOT!


So you are Yuki Mochizuki, huh?
Ooh?
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RIGHT NOW IF POSSIBLE!
BUT BEFORE I DO I WANT TO MEET AND CONFIRM THIS WITH OE-KUN!
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ARGH!
I'M CHANGING DON'T COME IN!!
CALM DOWN!
H-HOLD ON MOCHIZUKI!
I'LL GO CHANGE!
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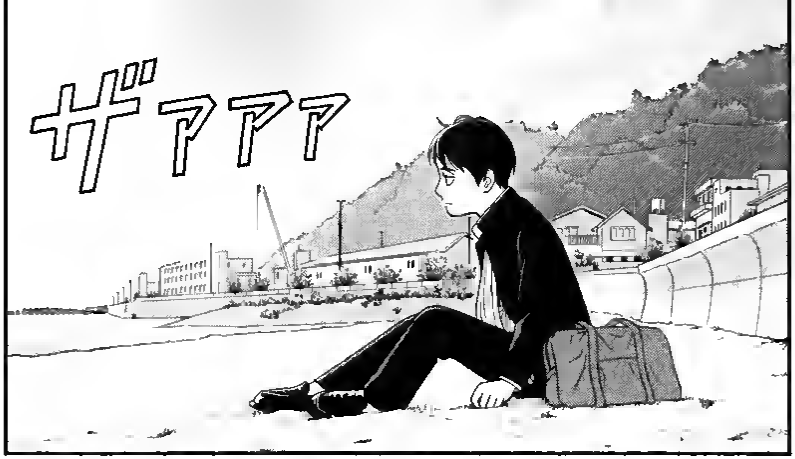
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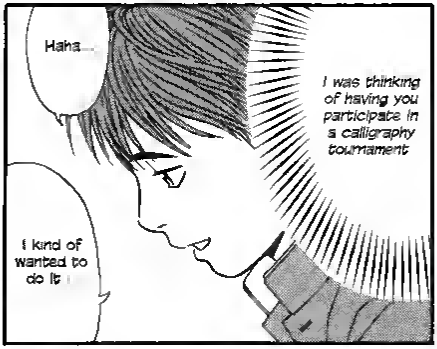
Haha...
I was thinking of having you participate in a calligraphy tournament
I kind of wanted to do it

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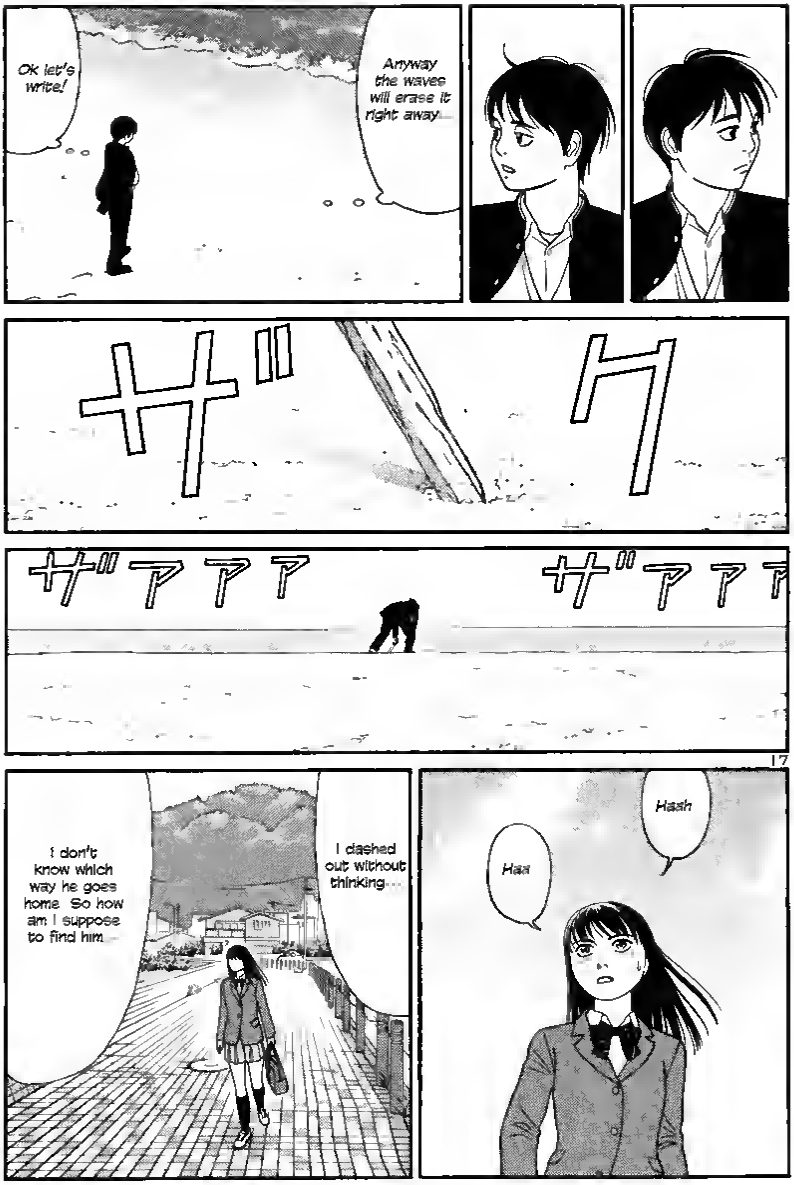
Could I use my left hand?
If I write real big...

I wanted to try it like the club president did at the welcoming party.
Even if it's not possible with my right hand


Ok let's write!
Anyway the waves will erase it right away...
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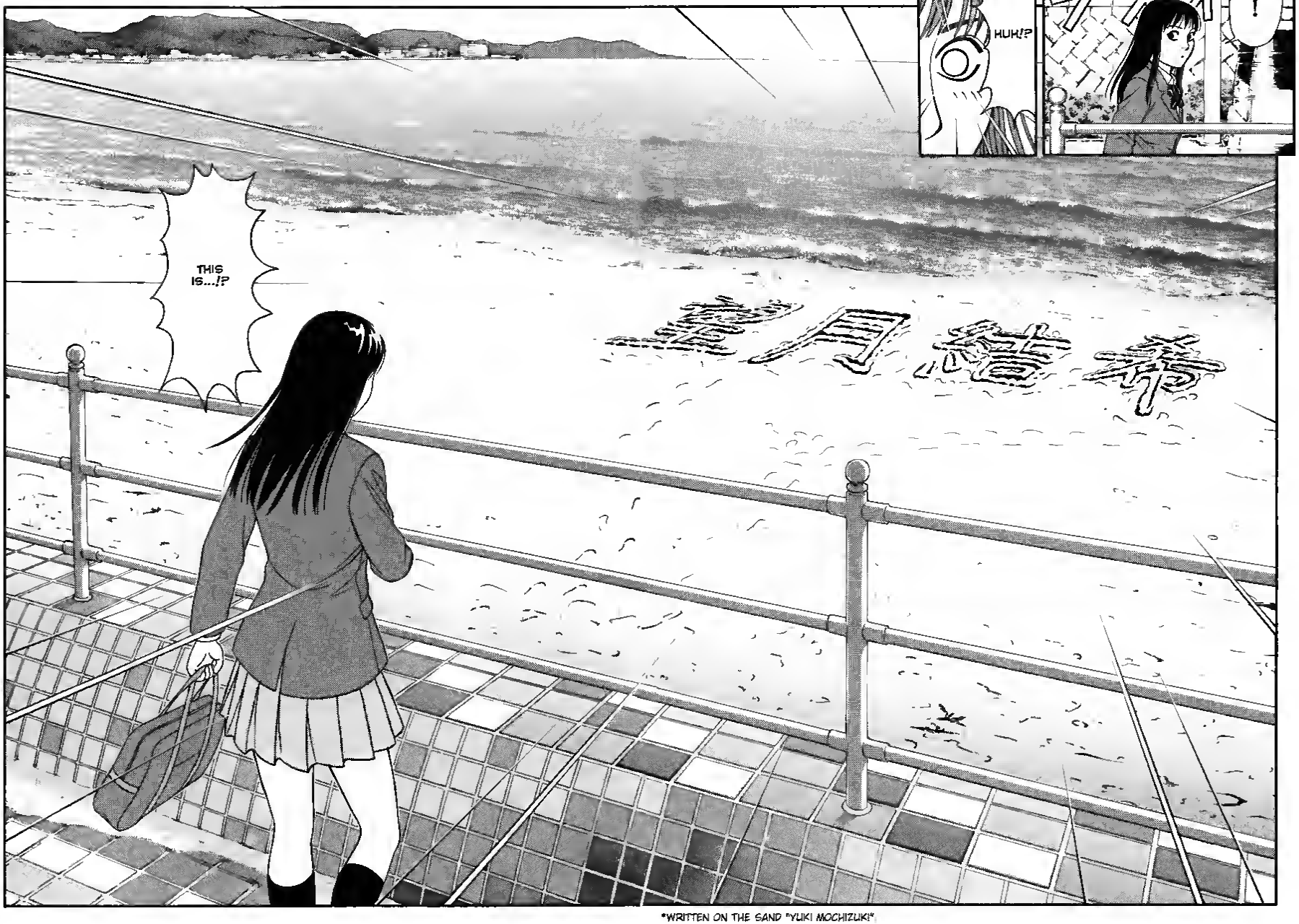
I don't know which way he goes home. So how am I suppose to find him...
I dashed out without thinking...
Hash
Hash



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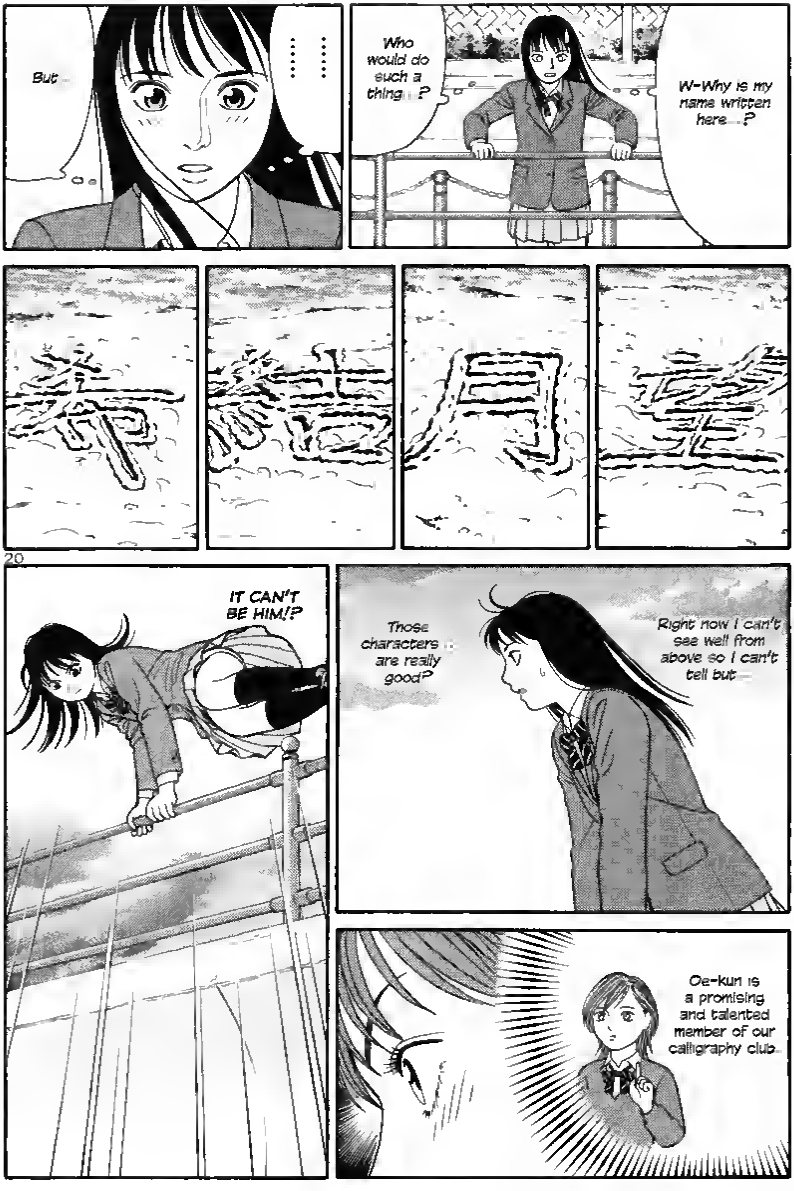
But...
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Who would do such a thing...?
W-Why is my name written here...?
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IT CAN'T BE HIM!?
Those characters... are really good?
Right now I can't see well from above so I can't tell but...
Oe-kun is a promising and talented member of our calligraphy club.

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If I get close I might be able to find out something

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WHO THE HELL WROTE THIS!?
WHAT IS THIS A TRAP!?

Kamo-chan
Height 175 cm.

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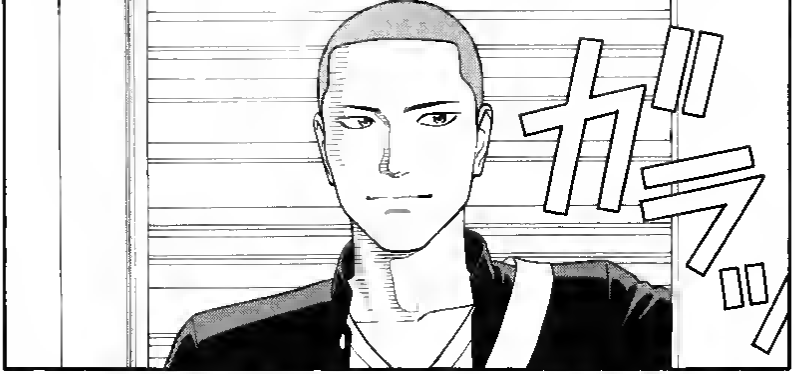
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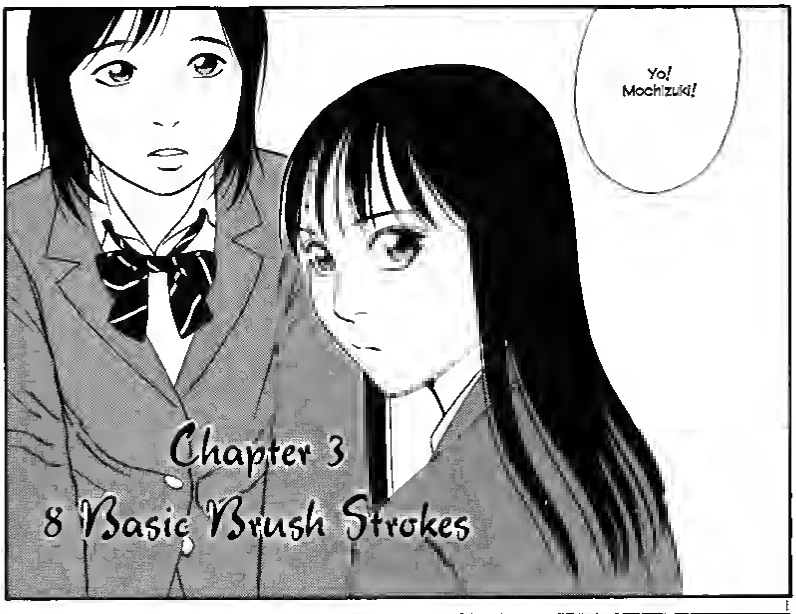
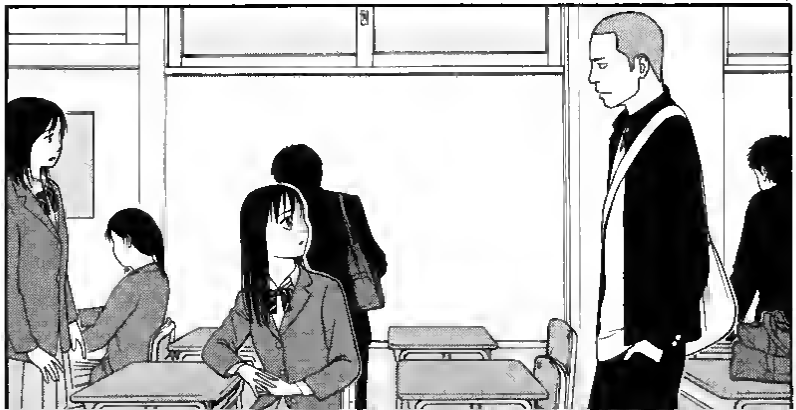
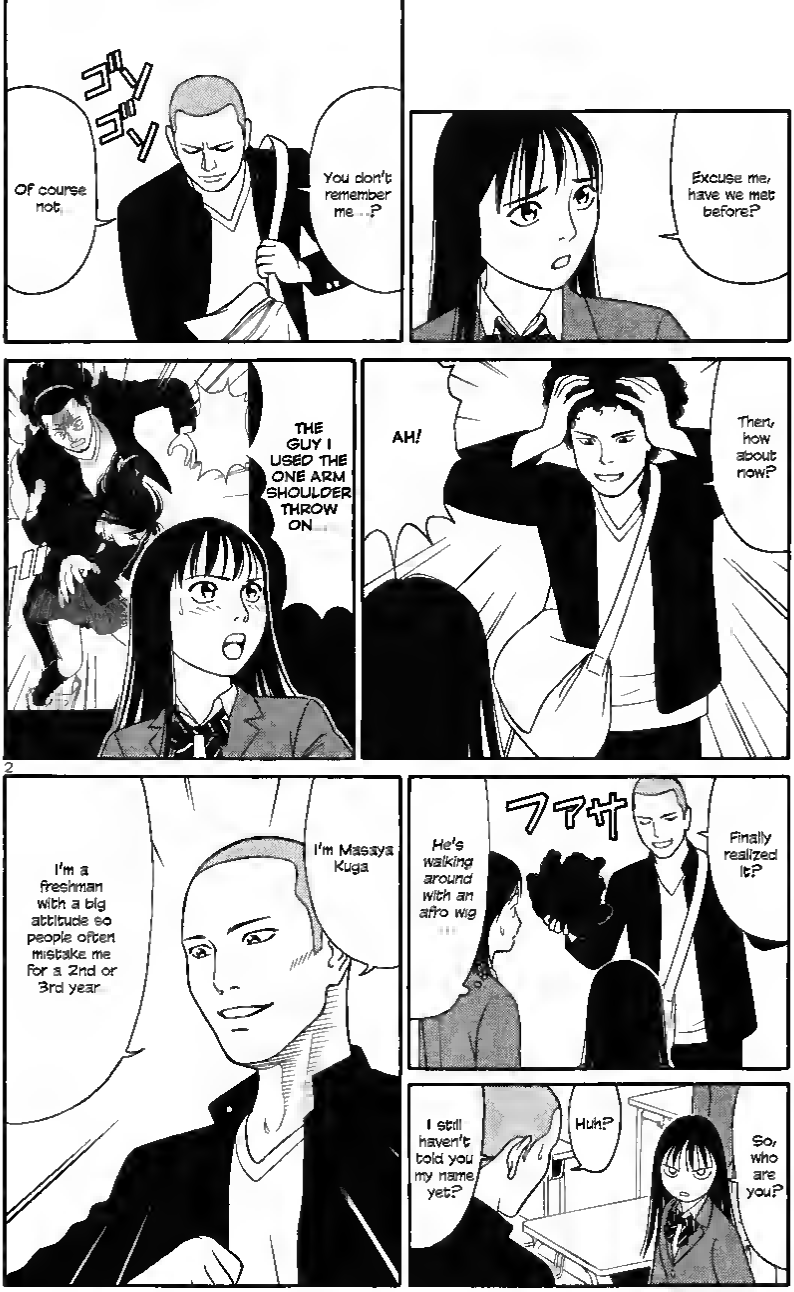

Yo!
Mochizuki!
Chapter 3
8 Basic Brush Strokes

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You don't remember me...?
Of course not.
Excuse me, have we met before?
THE GUY I USED THE ONE ARM SHOULDER THROW ON...
AH!
Then, how about now?
I'm Masaya Kuga
I'm a freshman with a big attitude so people often mistake me for a 2nd or 3rd year.
He's walking around with an afro wig...
ファサ
Finally realized it?
I still haven't told you my name yet?
Huh?
So, who are you?

Look this is my uniform.
I joined the judo team.
To tell you the truth...
So Kuga-kun what business do you have with me?
Right...
I couldn't imagine there was such an amazing girl in the world...
It's like after you threw me it opened my eyes.
Well how should I put this...
Oh, then that wig on your head...
3
Hm?
Bye. See you tomorrow.
So, It's like my life changed after I met you... you know?
Don't just leave! I came to pick you up.
Hey wait up!!
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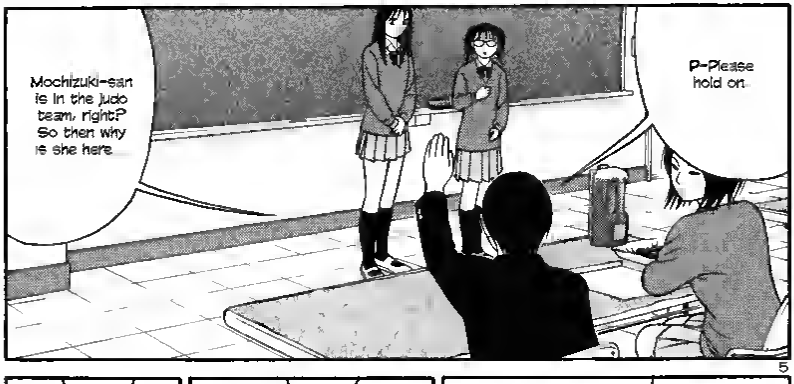
I'll be going there starting today
Calligraphy club
Then where are you going?
Huh?
Eh? This is the wrong way you know Judo team is that way.
What about the judo team?
The calligraphy club?
Whaa...?
4
Nice to meet you
This is our temporary new member Yuki Mochizuki
So without further ado

She came here so readily. I figured she would bitch more about it
OF COURSE CALLIGRAPHY CLUB MEMBERS SHOULD BE GIRLS!
FINALLY A FEMALE MEMBER!
.....!!


Mochizuki-san is in the judo team, right? So then why is she here
P-Please hold on

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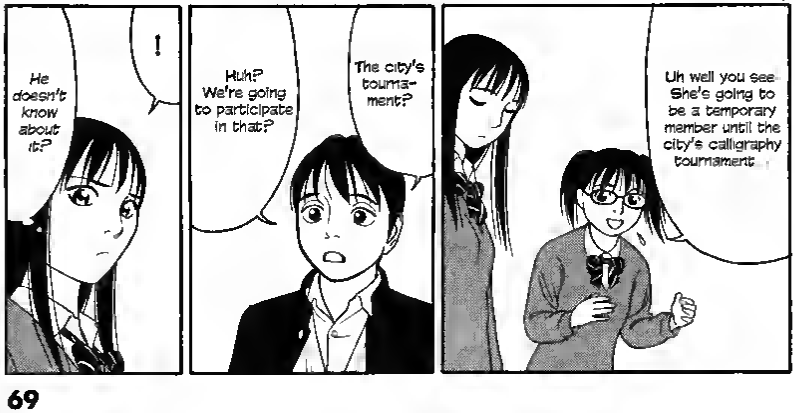
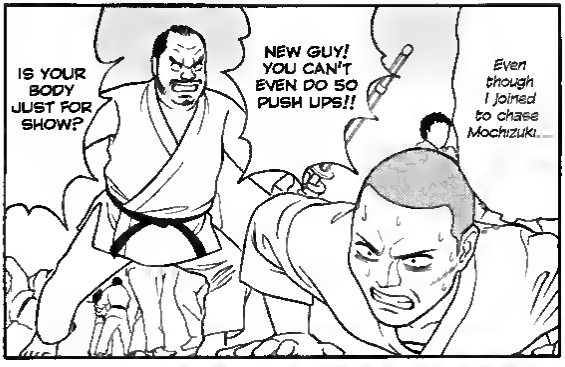
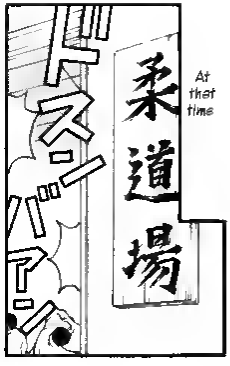
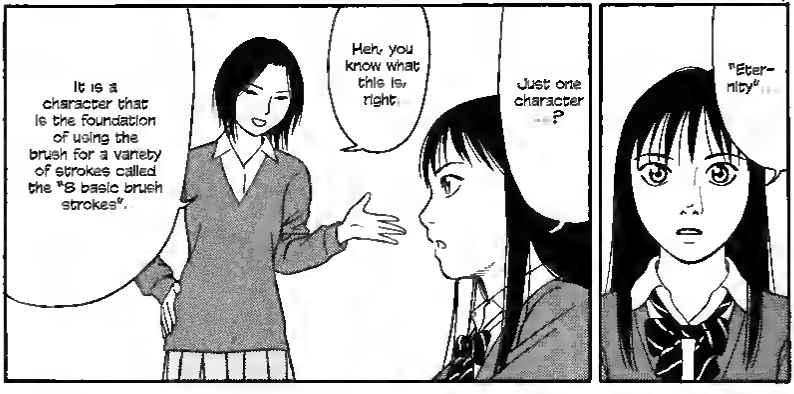

He doesn't know about it?
!
Huh? We're going to participate in that?
The city's tournament?
Uh well you see She's going to be a temporary member until the city's calligraphy tournament

N-Nothing...
What happened?
OUCH!!
But
Mochizuki-san you see, she will participate in the tournament instead of you.
I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU SAY ANYTHING UNNECESSARY
6
We only have 3 weeks left!
Alright! Let's start practing right away!
...Thank you very much for coming to our club
B-But
TELL HER THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING!
She has decided to take responsibility for injuring you.
Don't you think that's very sweet of her?


IS YOUR BODY JUST FOR SHOW?
NEW GUY! YOU CAN'T EVEN DO 50 PUSH UPS!!
Even though I joined to chase Mochizuki...


At that time
柔道場
ドスーン
バアーン

Could you write this for me?
Well then, Mochizuki-san...
永


Just one character...?
Heh, you know what this is, right.
It is a character that is the foundation of using the brush for a variety of strokes called the "8 basic brush strokes".
"Eternity"...

For the time being, just practice writing it freely
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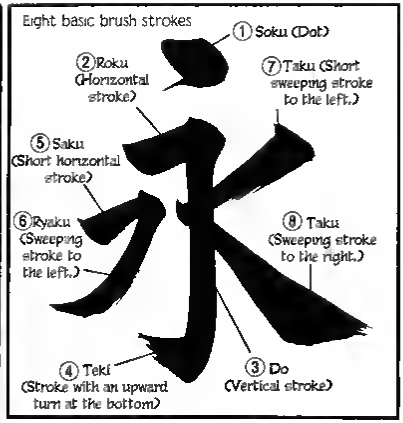
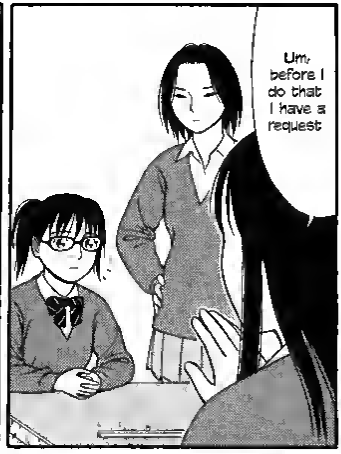

Eight basic brush strokes
① Soku (Dot)
② Roku (Horizontal stroke)
⑦ Taku (Short sweeping stroke to the left.)
⑤ Saku (Short horizontal stroke)
⑥ Ryaku (Sweeping stroke to the left.)
⑧ Taku (Sweeping stroke to the right.)
④ Teki (Stroke with an upward turn at the bottom)
③ Do (Vertical stroke)

I'll be participating in the tournament instead of him, but I would like to know his level of ability
Could you please show me some of Oe-kun's calligraphy works


Um, before I do that I have a request

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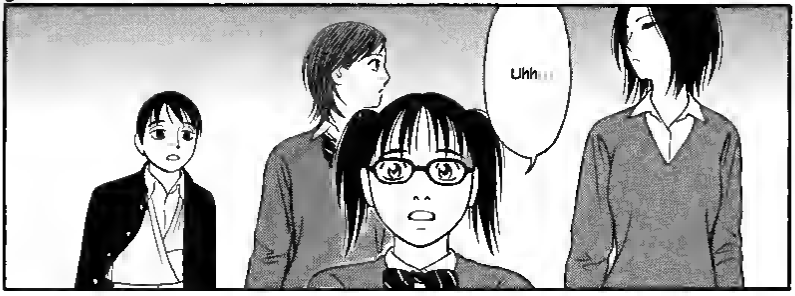
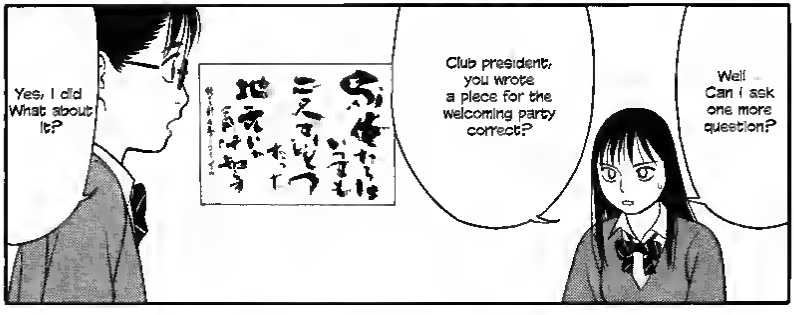

Uhh...

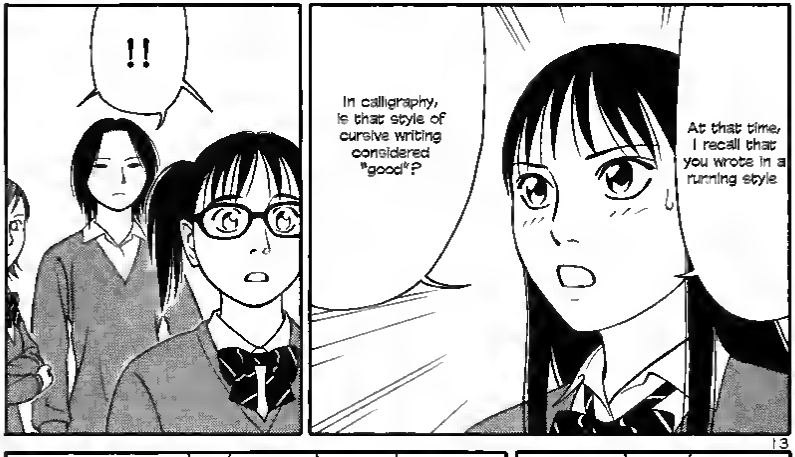
You said Oe-kun is a promising new member of the club, and yet you have none of his works here
Isn't that a little strange?
Huh?
I'm sorry Truth be told we don't have any of his works here.
キク
Whoops! I couldn't get it
CONFIRM HER STORY
What? Oh no. Get it!
There's a bug on your sweater.
Ah Miwa-chan!
Huh? M-Me?
9
Oh that.
Kamo-chan, show her those English notes.
Even his normal handwriting is very good.
Oh! That's right.
Very suspicious
Ah... I forgot I took all of them home with me last week

got hit by a car a fe
ブ"は数日前に車にはね
is where a traffic
ened yesterday
、昨日、交通事故の起こ
.....
Oe-kun wrote this
Look here
I know, isn't it?
very clean handwriting
It's certainly
10
Doesn't that make you happy Oe-kun?
Hey! She just complemented you
Even though he's a guy
ゴゴゴゴゴ
Yeah so much so it's pissing me off
I-Is she really complimenting me?

Hmm? Speaking of which
But, I honestly can't tell with this!
I thought it might have been him who wrote my name on the shore
Still. .
Oh yeah. Why is that?
!
Since you've been living abroad for a long time, how come you have such good handwriting?
Oe-kun!
To my grams
I wrote a lot of letters
Japanese schools offer lessons like that, but I went to a normal local school.
No, it was all English
Did you study Japanese while you were over there?
My grandmother is a self-proclaimed "letter demon" She would send me two letters per week
However my grams... Or is that grandmother in Japanese?
Just that?
Let-ters?

Eight hundred what...!!
So that means, 8 times 52 times 2 that's 832 letters?
8 years...
And I replied to each one for the most part... over the 8 years I was there
Since that's all you've known, you just took it as a matter of fact...?
Then that means your grandma has very lovely handwriting!
The only Japanese characters I have ever seen were from my grandmother.
I imitated the way she wrote the characters in her letters.
12
Now then Mochizuki-san, can you start writing?
That was a wonderful story...
Uhh...
I see so that's why...
You should be grateful to your grandma!
This is the first time anyone has complimented me on my handwriting.


Well ... Can I ask one more question?
Club president, you wrote a piece for the welcoming party correct?
Yes, I did. What about it?


At that time, I recall that you wrote in a running style
In calligraphy, is that style of cursive writing considered "good"?
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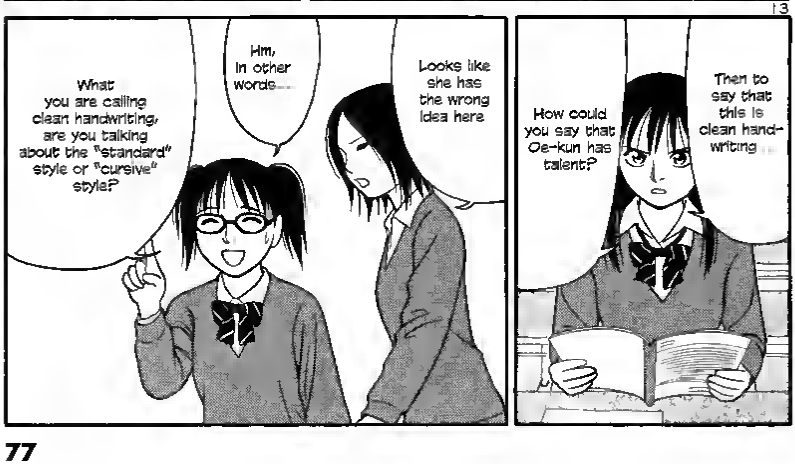
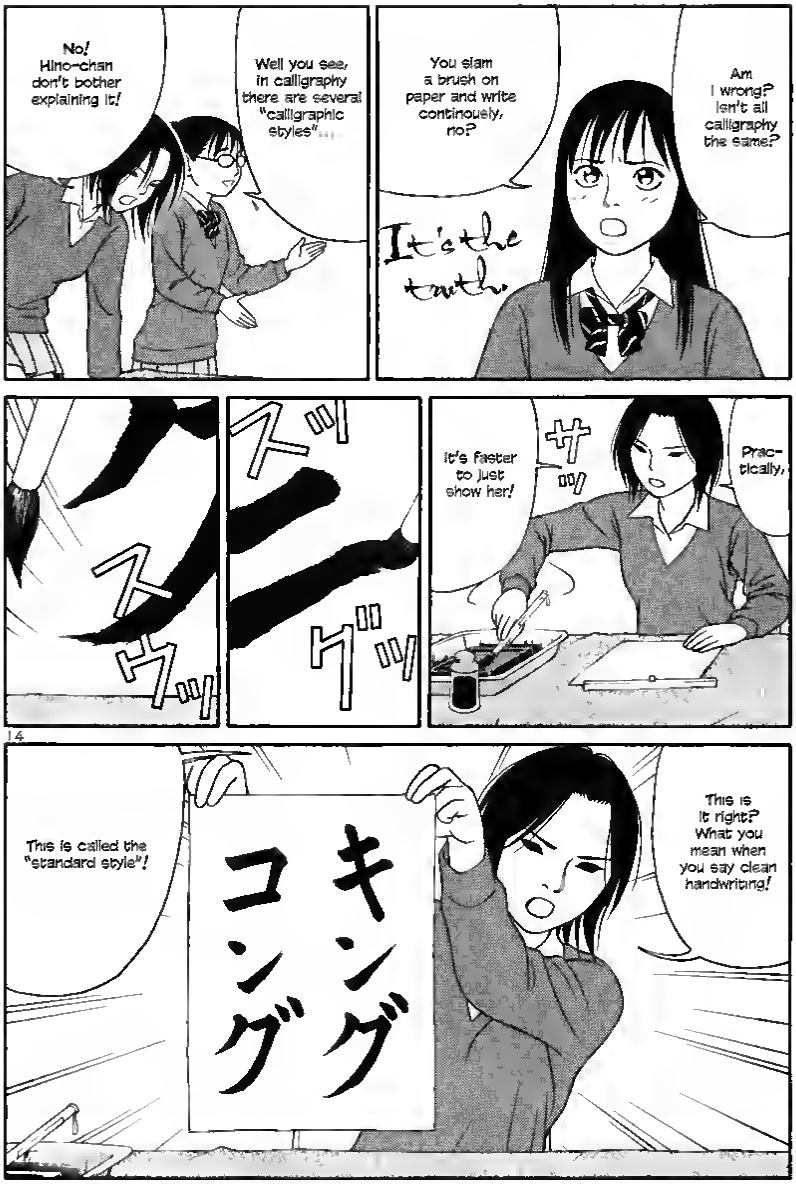
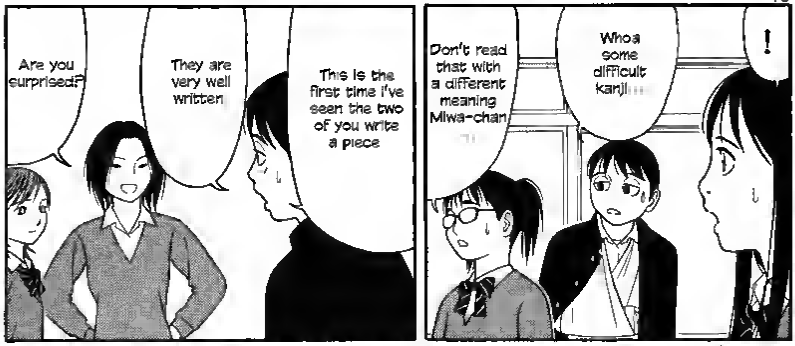

Then to say that this is clean hand-writing...
How could you say that Oe-kun has talent?
Looks like she has the wrong idea here
Hm, in other words...
What you are calling clean handwriting, are you talking about the "standard" style or "cursive" style?


No! Hino-chan don't bother explaining it!
Well you see, in calligraphy there are several "calligraphic styles"...
You slam a brush on paper and write continously, no?
It's the truth.
Am I wrong? Isn't all calligraphy the same?
スッ
スッ
It's faster to just show her!
Practically,
14
This is called the "standard style"!
キング
コング
This is it right? What you mean when you say clean handwriting!

That's very good...
Don't take me for a fool!
I can write this much!
But why "King Kong"...
キング コング
V-Vice president...
Huh...!
This is the "cursive style"
There is more energy involved in the "cursive style" as opposed to the "standard style".
絡新婦
*Jorogumo
I'll show you the other one
I saw it recently on DVD it made me cry
Okay...


This is the first time I've seen the two of you write a piece
They are very well written
Are you surprised?
Who's some difficult kanji...
Don't read that with a different meaning Miwa-chan
!

*JOROGUMO-JAPANESE FOLKLORE MONSTER, ITS NAME LITERALLY TRANSLATES TO "BINDING WOMAN". ALSO A SPECIES OF GARDEN SPIDER

.....
I would like the two of you to normally show that kind of effort to your underclassmen
The "standard" and "cursive" style are the foundation of calligraphy. We have a firm grasp on those styles.
Will I be able to write as well as everyone?
U-Umm if I joined the calligraphy club.....
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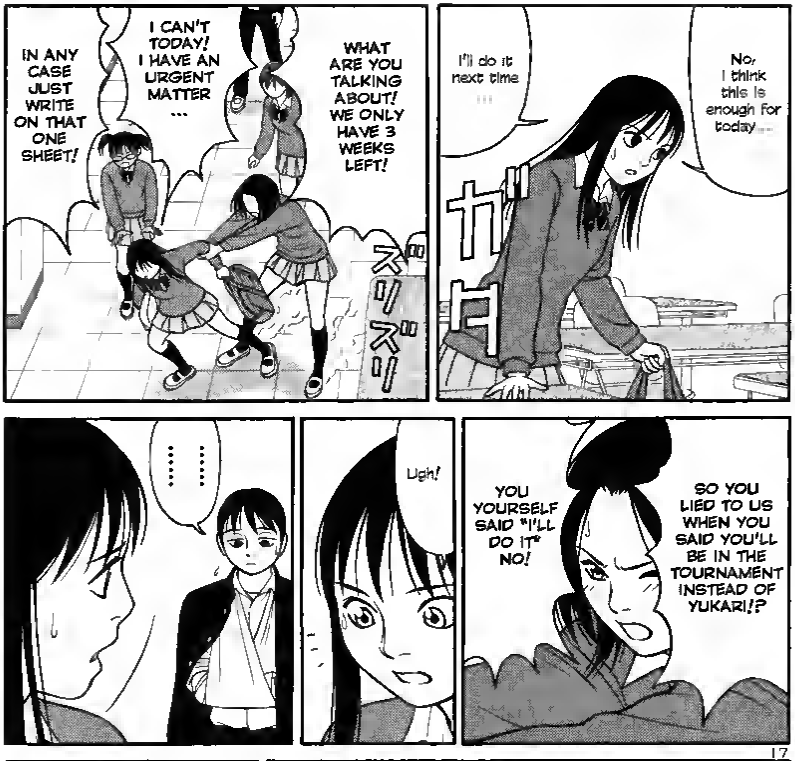
So that answers all your questions, yes?
Then Mochizuki-san give it a try.
ガク
She certainly will, right? For the most part.
I'm sure you will—


IN ANY CASE JUST WRITE ON THAT ONE SHEET!
I CAN'T TODAY! I HAVE AN URGENT MATTER ...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! WE ONLY HAVE 3 WEEKS LEFT!
スリスリ
I'll do it next time ...
No, I think this is enough for today ...
カサ
.....
Ugh!
YOU YOURSELF SAID "I'LL DO IT" NO!
SO YOU LIED TO US WHEN YOU SAID YOU'LL BE IN THE TOURNAMENT INSTEAD OF YUKARI!?

17

It'll be fine. We're not the type of people who'd laugh at the handwriting of others
But you must write something sooner or later
Well, I realized it just now, but you're not good with calligraphy I take it?
.....

I can't bring myself to laugh at this
Skm.
永
キッ
You are very strong right?
B-But
I have atrocious handwriting
As you can see
M-MOCHI-ZUKI-SAN!
I-I'M SORRY!!
CALM DOWN! ARE YOU TRYING TO INJURE HIM AGAIN!?
WHO THE HELL ASKED YOU FOR YOUR OPINION!?

Miwa-chan.

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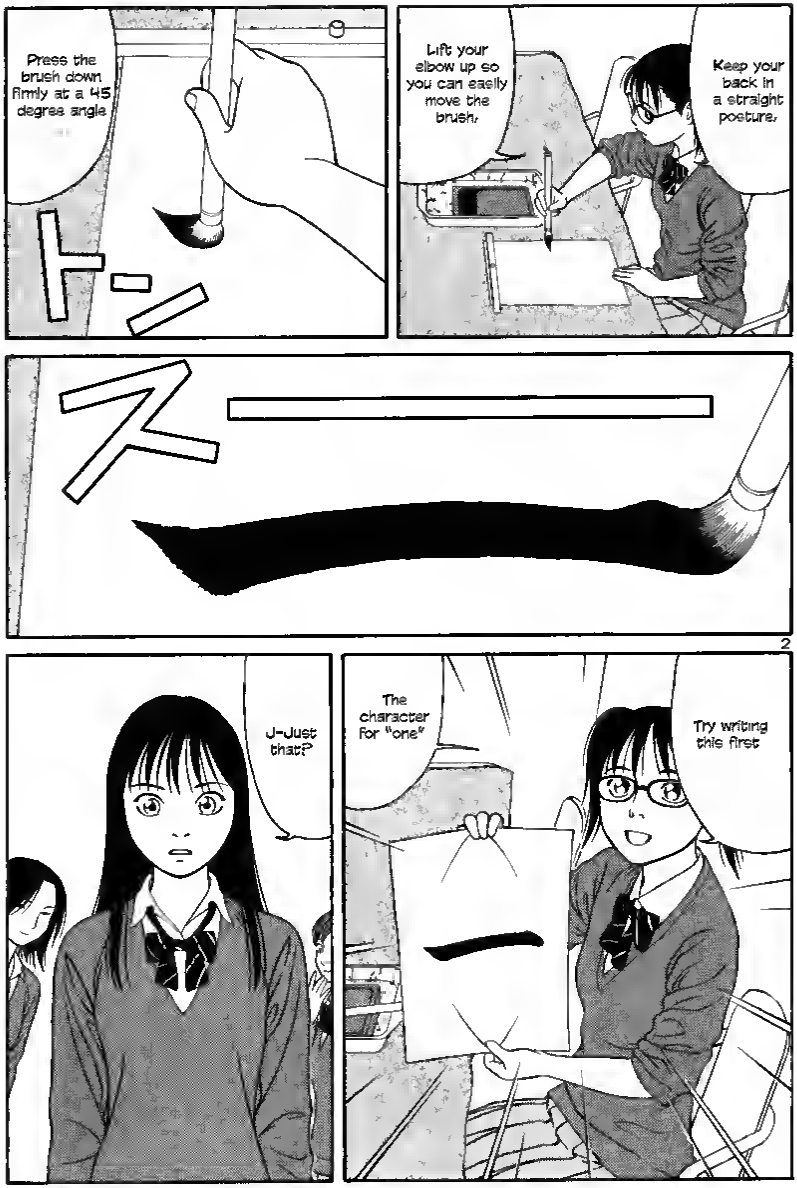
Chapter 4
"One" and "Ten"


Press the brush down firmly at a 45 degree angle
Lift your elbow up so you can easily move the brush.
Keep your back in a straight posture.
2
J-Just that?
The character for "one"
Try writing this first

This is the basis of basics
It is something you must learn.
Yup, just this.
Write it 5 times on one sheet of calligraphy paper.
Today you'll be writing 100 sheets
100 of those!?
Hiro-chan is pretty good. 100 of those all the sudden?
That must be tough on an amateur right?
I understand! I'll write it!
100 or even 200 sheets.
3

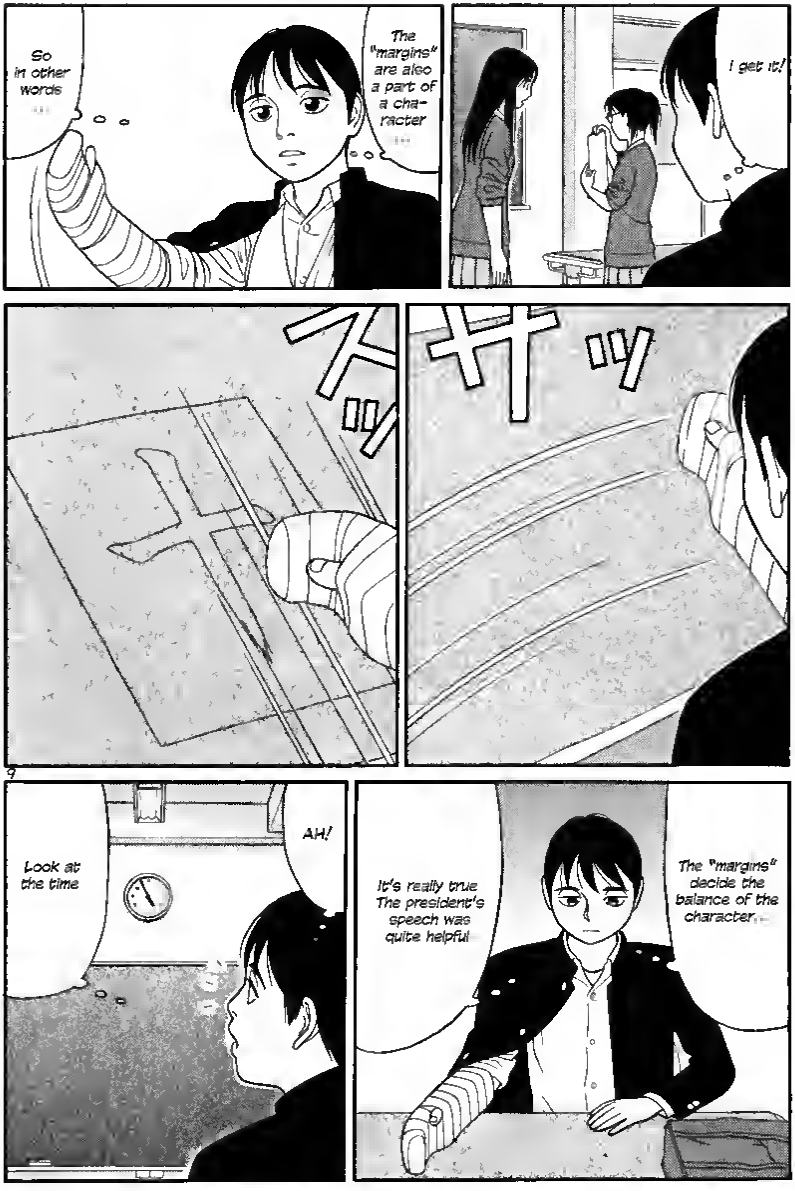
Here's something to keep you busy
Oh Yukari! You look like you have nothing to do
!
Like this?
Lift up the elbow
KAMO-CHAN! YOU'RE USING AN INJURED PERSON AS A GOFER!?
OE-KUN STOP FALLING FOR IT!!
Oh, I see
Come on hurry up on that errand
You'd have a hard time carrying all that juice one-handed right?
It is a basket
4
Alright
Tomorrow we'll begin with proper characters
Well done writing all of it
ブラーン

You'll be writing this.
Okay for today...
STOP LAUGHING OVER THERE!
You just added an extra stroke to "one".
You're evil Hino-chan.
"Ten"?
5
If I don't start writing character-like characters I won't be ready by then you know?
Don't we have 2 weeks and 3 days until the tournament?
Will it be all right to keep going this slow?
Umm... club president about doing this...

So please write "ten" for today
As soon as you are able to write "ten" properly we'll move on to the next step
Calligrpahy is something you get better at little by little
Mochizuki-san you mustn't get impatient
!
!
All right then I'll just get this over with right away
O-Okay
6
However I'm the reason he can't do any of his calligraphy practice—
That's what I wanted to say in that instant
カカッ
イラ
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO THEN GO HOME!?

Even though he's a guy...
He has such good handwriting...
At any rate he annoys the hell out of me.
It's not coming out right...
W-what the...
十
How come it became more difficult going from "one" to "ten"...?
U-Um, can you explain it to me?
No, I don't...
Do you understand why it is harder than "one"?
It's quite difficult right?

プルプル
Do you know the difference between a character and part of one?
"One" is also without a doubt a character, but here it is part of another character. It became "ten" only after that character was added.
Mochizuki-san, practicing writing "one" was so you can get used to handling the brush.
十
The left over unwritten white space is also part of the character.
You see when it becomes a character the "margins" are important. In order for "ten" to look exquisite, you have to leave an adequate balance of the "margins".
ガーーーン


So in other words...
The "margins" are also a part of a character...
I get it!
スッ
スッ
AH!
Look at the time
It's really true The president's speech was quite helpful
The "margins" decide the balance of the character...

ガラ
ガラ
パサッ
ピシャ
Excuse me, president I have to go to the hospital today Is it alright if I leave?
Oh, of course
Take care Good bye.
The balance of the "margine"
十
10
.....

And let's start cleaning up.
Let's call it for today.
TOKYU
!
Sigh...

What the hell? Were you in the calligraphy club this late?
Kuga-kun
MOCHI-ZUKI!
HEEY!
!
And in calligraphy of all things?
For what?
But we're training right now
Yeah
Normally, don't all culture clubs end early?
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Ah!
You probably don't know, but calligraphy is very difficult!
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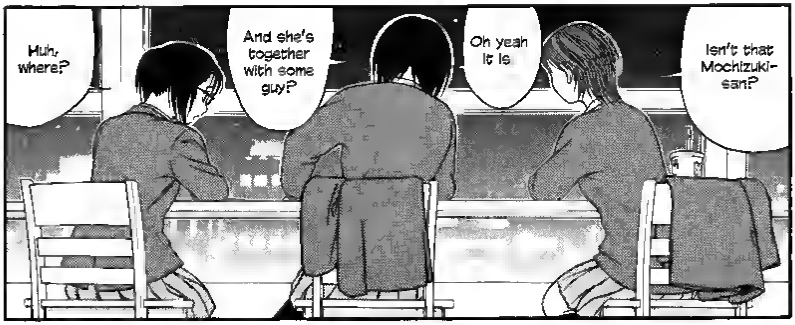
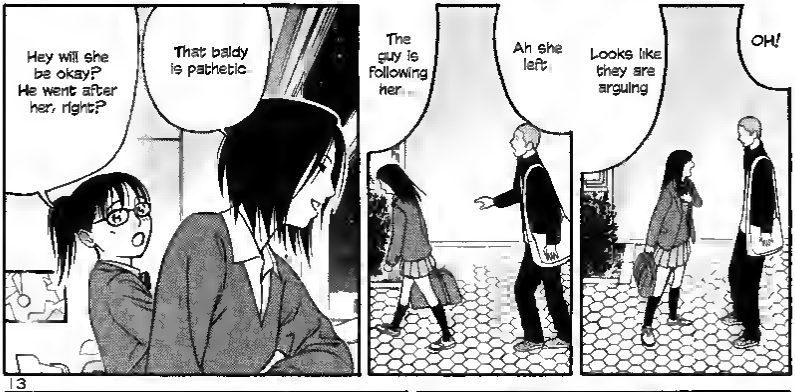
cMa


Huh, where?
And she's together with some guy?
Oh yeah it is
Isn't that Mochizuki-san?


Hey will she be okay? He went after her, right?
That baldy is pathetic
The guy is following her
Ah she left
Looks like they are arguing
OH!

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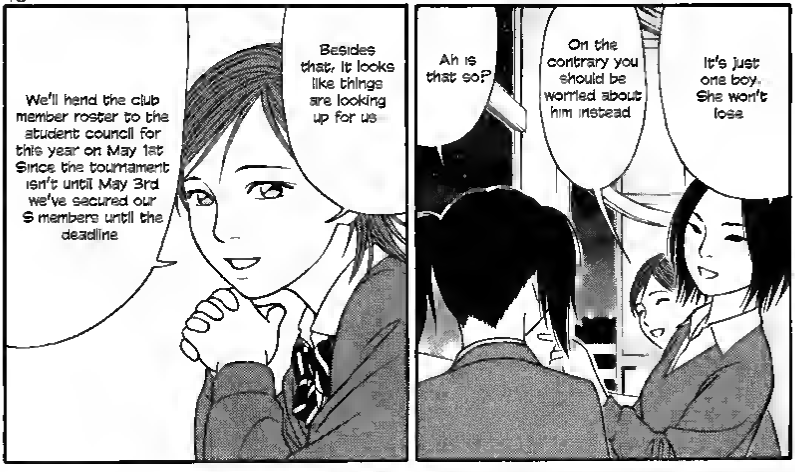
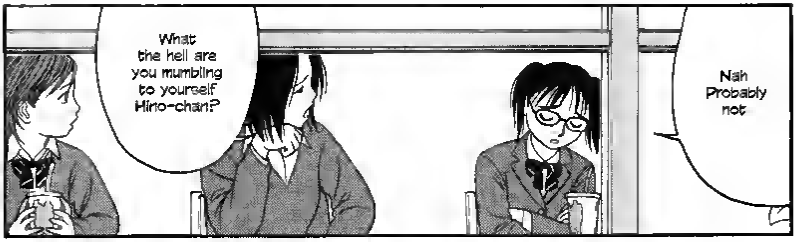

We'll hand the club member roster to the student council for this year on May 1st Since the tournament isn't until May 3rd we've secured our 5 members until the deadline
Besides that, it looks like things are looking up for us
Ah is that so?
On the contrary you should be worried about him instead
It's just one boy. She won't lose

By that time, there will people who didn't get into any clubs Then we can just scout at that time
The next time we have to report about our members is at end of the term So we have plenty of time
What are we going to do after that?
But she'll go back to the judo team after the tournament, right?
I wonder if it'll really go that well?
But...
I see You didn't overlook anything Miwa-chan
14
かまくら
鎌倉
.....
How long are you going to associate with the calligraphy club?

!
I mean you're taking too much responsibility for what happened
In that club because you felt sorry for what you did to him?
Whatever he is, anyway aren't you...
You mean returnee right?
That injured transfer student ...
?
But I was the one who threw him So most of it is my fault. Bear with it Bear with it ...
That what I want to yell at him...
IF YOU HADN'T PUT YOUR HANDS ON ME I WOULD NOT HAVE THROWN YOU AND INJURED HIM!!
IN THAT CASE YOU'RE JUST AS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED!
I'm surprised she's making such a serious effort
You should just quit messing around
Think how you're wasting your talent in judo
Wasting it?

Huh?
Is that so? I don't think I am

Perhaps, Mochizuki-san is ...


What the hell are you mumbling to yourself Hino-chan?
Nah Probably not

U-Um..
You don't need that cast anymore
Well you young people heal fast

What?
At that time
It's all healed?

17

Now Mochizuki-san can go back to the judo team...
But what will my senpai say about this?

So then I can write using my right hand?
Yes, as long as you don't overdo it

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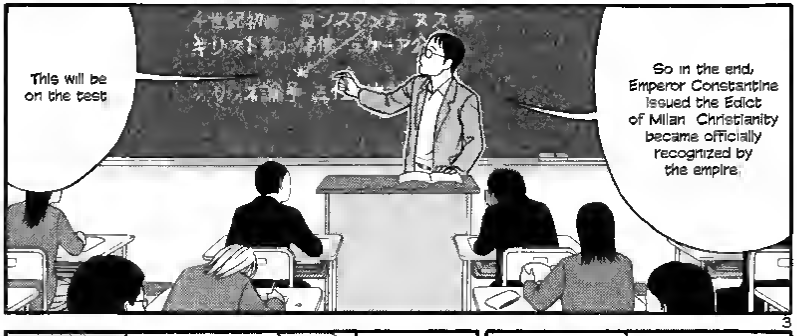
Hey Yukari!

Is your hand completely healed?
What's up with you?
Chapter 5
Adviser of the Calligraphy Club

Yes, the doctor was surprised as well.
What? So it really did? Isn't that too fast?
U-Um that's not going to work
We have no choice So, during club hours you'll pretend it hasn't healed yet by wrapping bandages around your arm.
I figured as much
Then Yuki Mochizuki will quit as your substitute after just joining our club.
This is bad news If your hand is all healed up...
2
We're in the same classroom since 1st period If I'm not wearing those bandages she'll figure it out right away.
Mochizuki-san and I are in the same class.
Why?

I knew you were going to say that...
Then, you better go to the nurse's office right now and get bandaged up.
Oh really?
スケ


This will be on the test
So in the end, Emperor Constantine issued the Edict of Milan. Christianity became officially recognized by the empire.

3

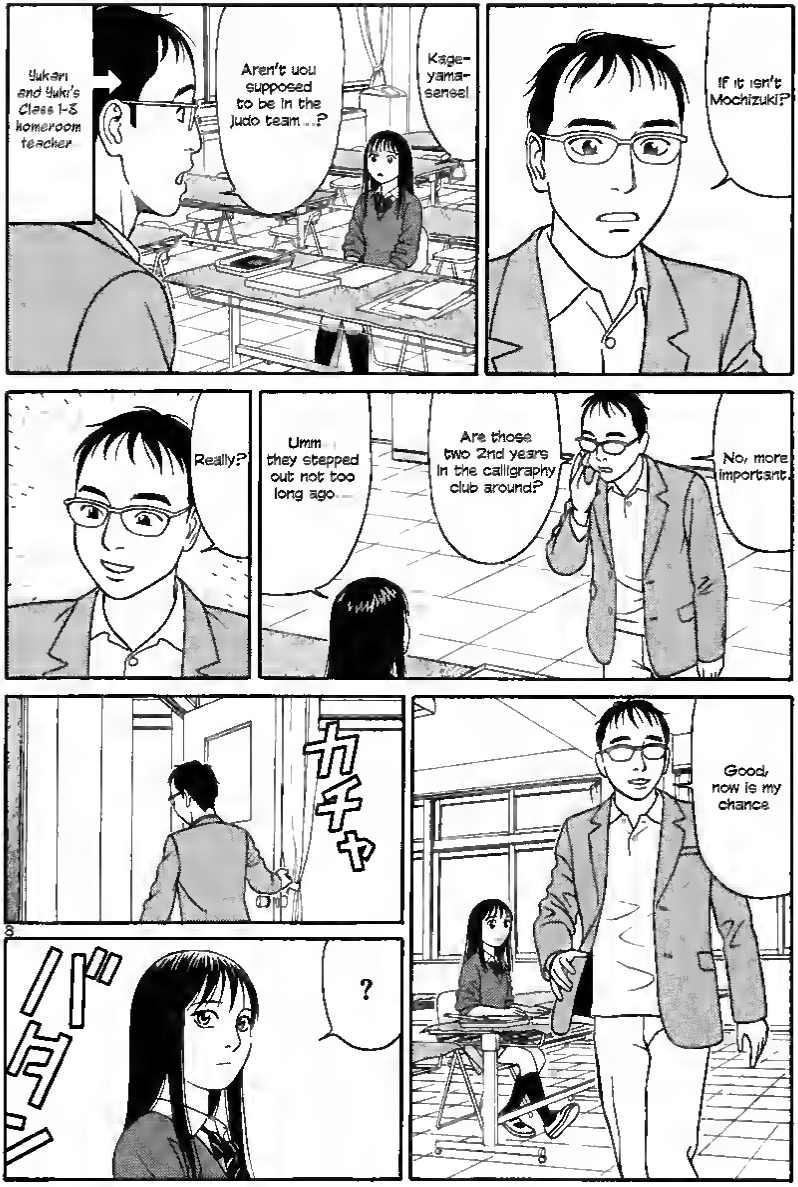
Will my grades be okay at the end of this term?
I haven't taken any notes for 10 days...
In spite of being told I can write again by the doctor...

Still no good?
Hmm
You might need to go back and practice writing "one" again
It seems like,
ドキ
You've become too concerned about the balance. Now your lines are all over the place
4
ガビーン

Heey! Hino-chan!
Yes, this time until you're able to clearly write "one". So give it your best
Will it be another 100 sheets ...?
Ugh...
Huh, Oe-kun? Miwa-chan as well
Nothing, but there's something I need to tell you...
What's wrong? Come in
?
5
?
WHAAT!?
To tell you the truth... whisper, whisper
You'll be fine just keep writing
Um what about practice?
Oh Mochizuki-san please wait here

Is it true that your hand has healed up?
Yes, more or less...
I still apply a compress on it, but I'm able to write again.
You can write again? That's great
No it's not!
O-Oh that's right...
Then our club will be back down to 4 people...
If his hand is back to normal Yuki Mochizuki will go back to the judo team.
Grr After I came up with that plan...
6
Jeez, you had that exaggerated cast on. I thought it would take at least a month.
It was all just for show
Sigh... I'm sorry
He just got over his injury, no reason for you two to say such things!

Example
Comparing the two mine is very poorly done...
Mochizuki
……
I wonder if I just don't have any talent for calligraphy...
I can't even write "one" properly...
Even though I wrote it so many times...
チラリ
Oh?
……
ガラ
ゴシゴシ
?


Yukari and Yuki's Class 1-3 homeroom teacher
Aren't you supposed to be in the judo team...?
Kage-yama-sensei
If it isn't Mochizuki?
Really?
Umm... they stepped out not too long ago...
Are those two 2nd years in the calligraphy club around?
No, more important.
ガチャ
Good, now is my chance
ドアニ
?

Mitsuteru Yokoyama-sensei's "Shiki"...
Ah I knew it was here. Great
Hm?
Good bye
Oh ok
Bye
Ah sorry for the intrusion
9
O-OH! I'M JUST PRACTICING ...
Huuh?
What is all that? Are you writing "one"?
I'M ALSO PRACTI-CING THAT...
AH! THAT'S...
And this here is "ten" ...

Um, but I'm so bad at it I'm practicing from the basics...
The basics I see... While it's true that "one" and "ten" are the basics...
However it is quite difficult to write "one" perfectly
What?
Hold on a sec.
I'm sure it's here...
.....
Oh here it is.
Do you know what this is?
You write on this for New Years etc...
Well, it's a half sized paper used when you first start writing.

Come again?
Now write a long "one" from the edge to around here.
Lay this down flat like this.
If you kneel on top of the chair with your back slightly elevated you'll reach.
That's not true.
I can't reach
Now do it in one stroke.
Yes, yes
Like this?
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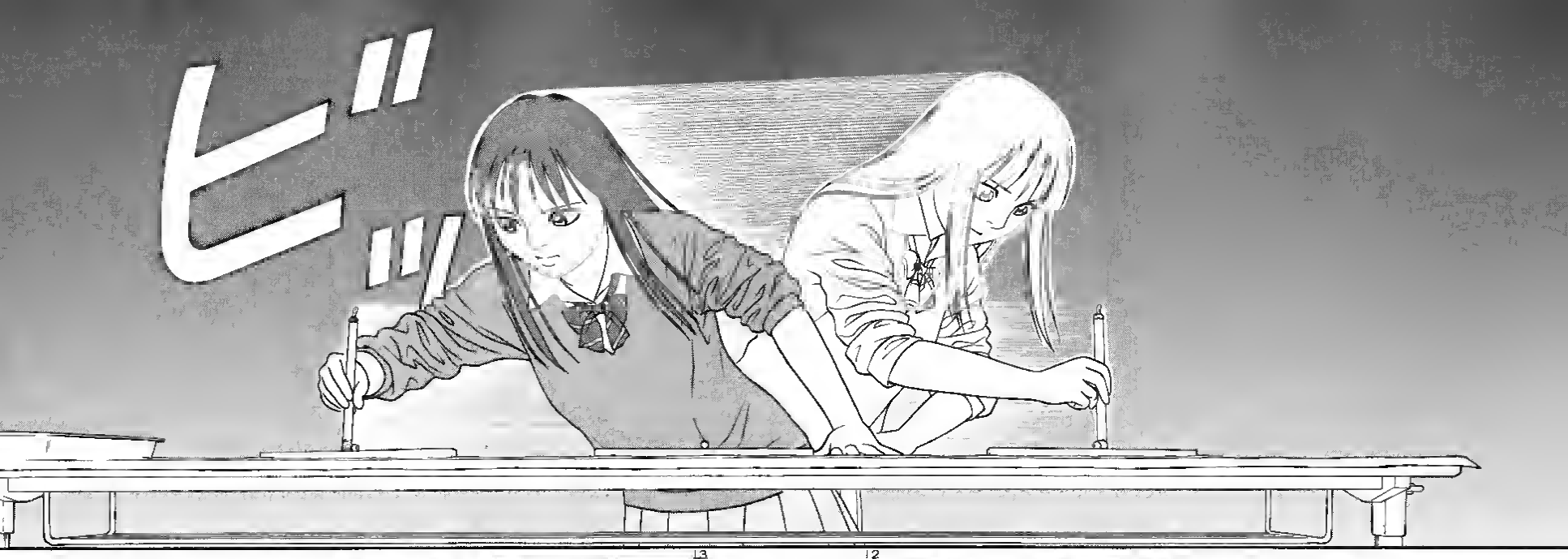
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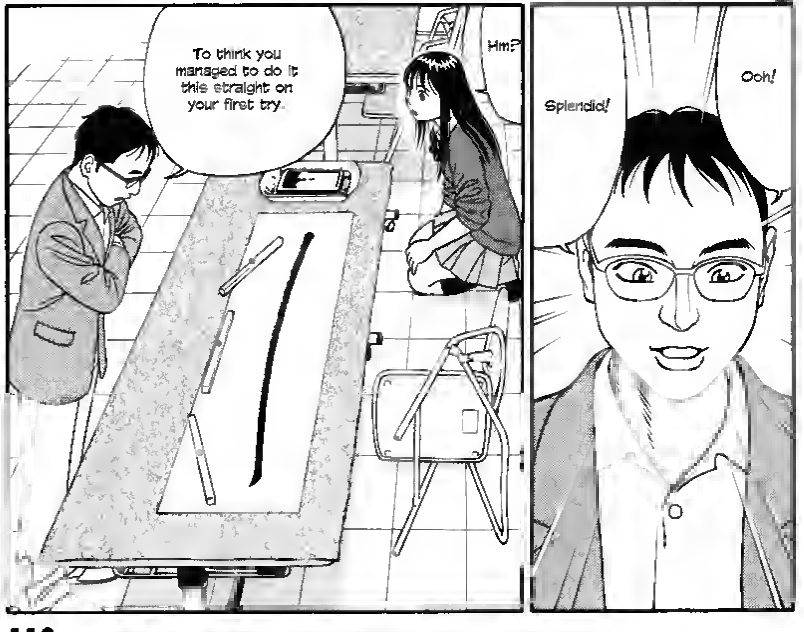
To think you managed to do it this straight on your first try.
Hm?
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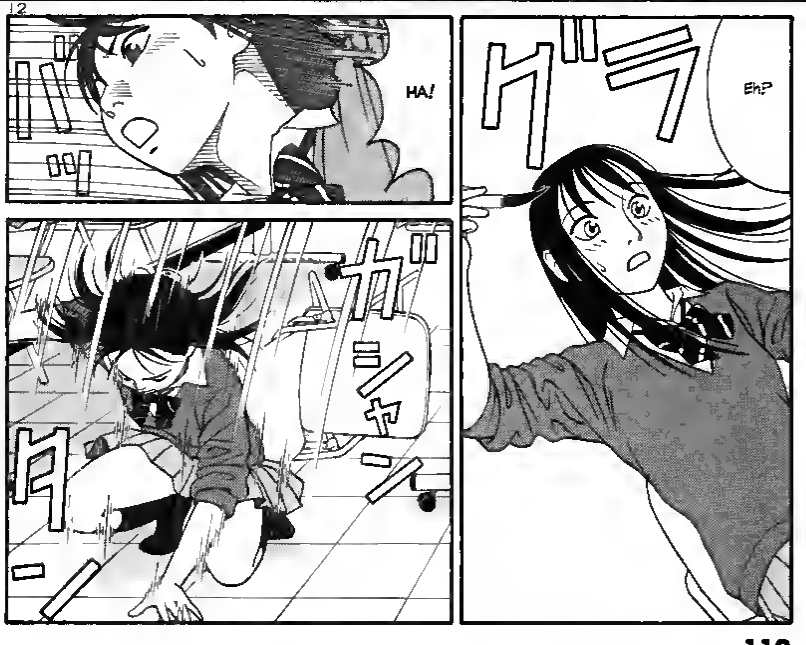
Ooh!
Splendid!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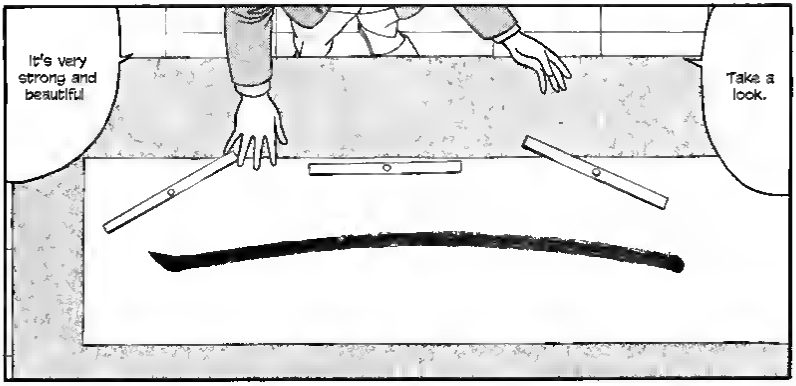
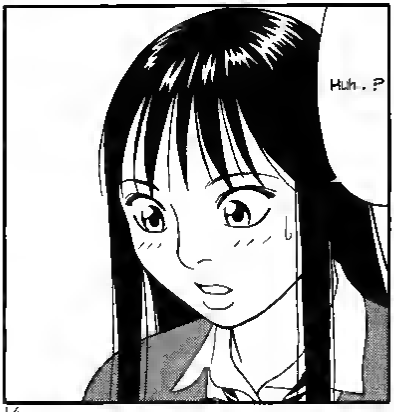
HA!
ガニャーン
ガラ
Eh?


It's very strong and beautiful
Take a look.


Huh . ?

You came quite close to the perfect "one"
And also if you stop here

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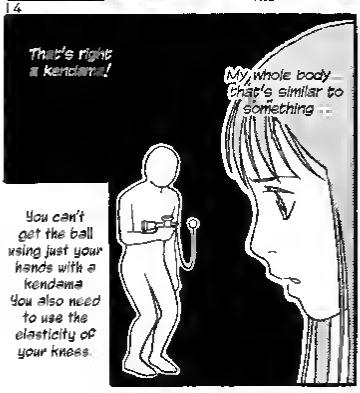
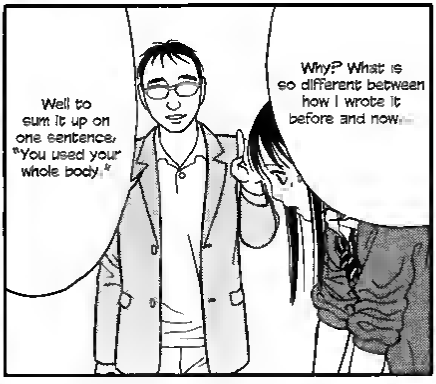
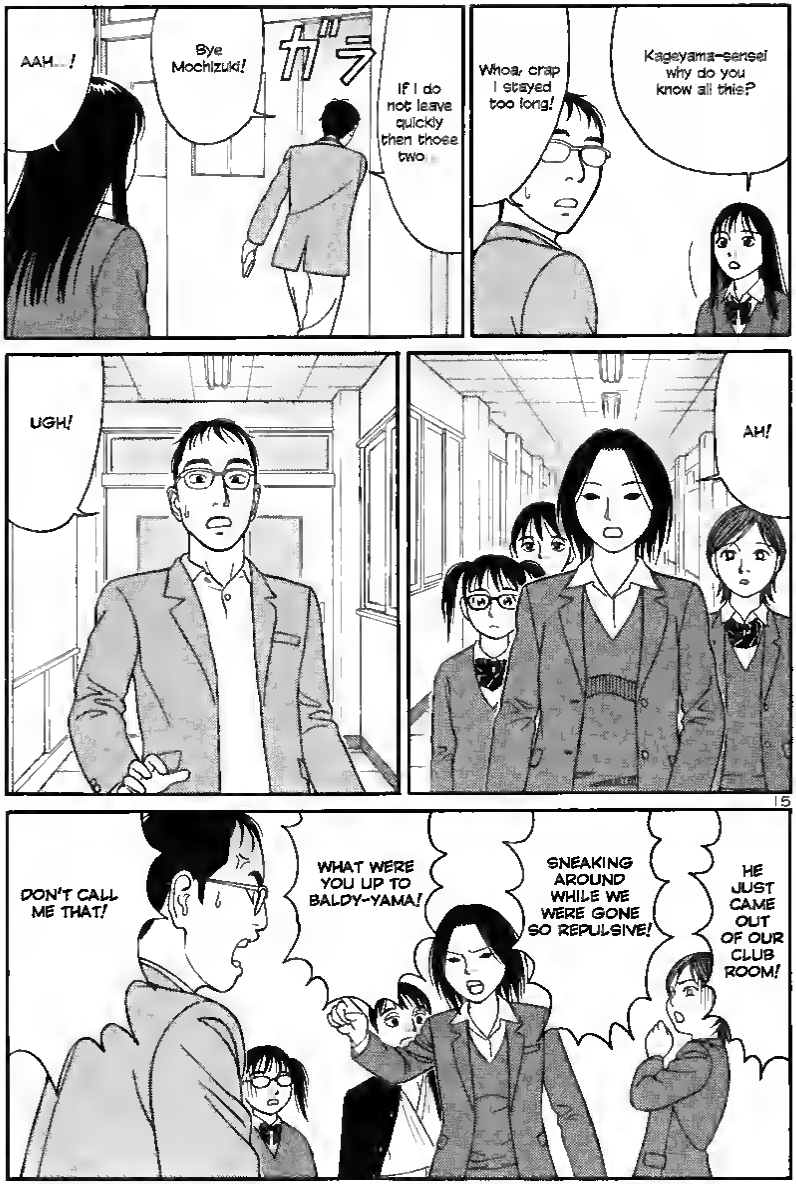

That's right a kendama!
My whole body... That's similar to something...
You can't get the ball using just your hands with a kendama You also need to use the elasticity of your knees.


Well to sum it up on one sentence, "You used your whole body."
Why? What is so different between how I wrote it before and now...


AAH...!
Bye Mochizuki!
ガラ
If I do not leave quickly then those two...
Whoa, crap I stayed too long!
Kageyama-sensei why do you know all this?
UGH!
AH!
15
DON'T CALL ME THAT!
WHAT WERE YOU UP TO BALDY-YAMA!
SNEAKING AROUND WHILE WE WERE GONE SO REPULSIVE!
HE JUST CAME OUT OF OUR CLUB ROOM!

U-Um president, that guy is my homeroom teacher...
A BOOK! I LEFT IT IN THE ROOM!
YOUR WIG?
LEFT BEHIND?
I JUST CAME TO GET SOMETHING I LEFT BEHIND!
SHUT UP!
HOW DARE YOU MOCK A TEACHER!
He's about to cry!
Whaa!?
However those two are always picking on him so he stopped coming to our club activities
Kageyama-sensei is the calligraphy club's adviser.
Y-Yeah...
No matter what we must keep fooling Mochizuki. You got that Yukari?
Just a little over one week until the tournament.
YES!
Oh wow, you've gotten better Mochizuki-san!

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HOBO-1

河合克敏
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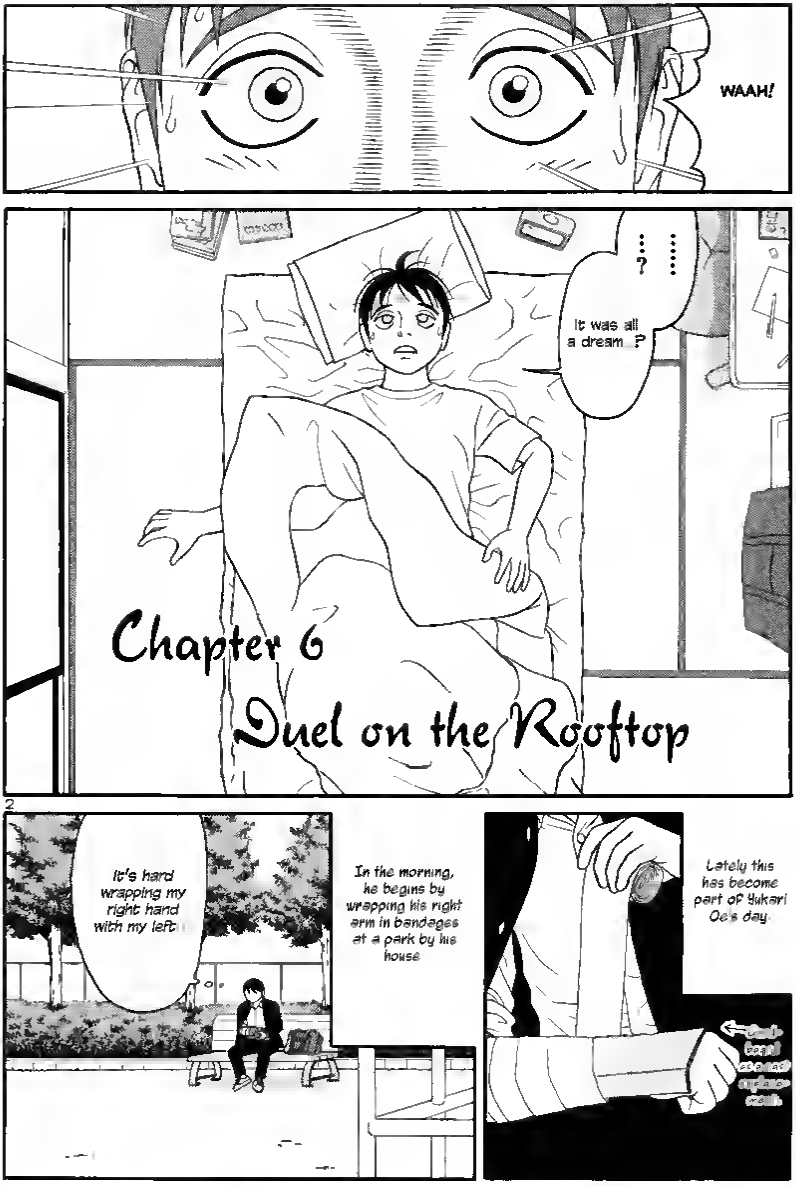
If Mochizuki finds out your hand is back to normal, the calligraphy club is done for...
Hey Yukari... Do you understand what will happen?
I OVERHEARD EVERYTHING!!
And if that happens, then I'm going to...
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
What are you doing with that chain mace...?
Mochizuki-san...!?
YOU'VE BEEN LYING TO ME ALL THIS TIME!


WAAH!
……?
It was all a dream…?
Chapter 6
Duel on the Rooftop
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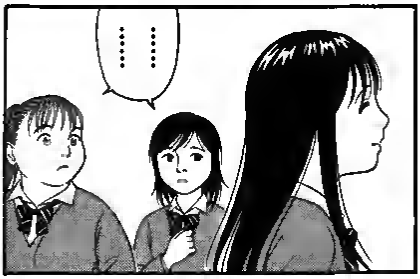
It's hard wrapping my right hand with my left…
In the morning, he begins by wrapping his right arm in bandages at a park by his house
Lately this has become part of Yukari Oe's day.

Is it alright to continue on like this?
Still...
ガタン ゴトン
ガラッ
3
Oops!
わあっ
Whoa!

パッ
カンッ
カンッ
カンッ
WOW!!
カンッ
Do you know Os-kun?
Why I'm practicing with a kendama?
Uhh...
You're pretty good with that.
But how come you're using a kendama all the sudden?
Hehehe
N-Not really...
It looks a little similar...

By the time your hand heals, my handwriting might be way better than yours
Huh?
A kendama has the essence of calligraphy hidden within.
Actually,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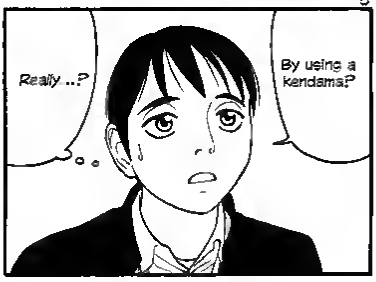
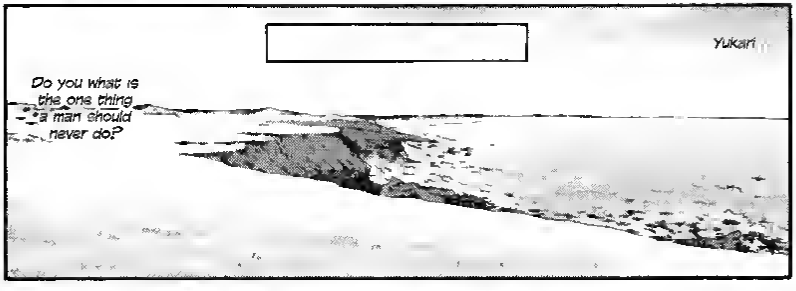

Really ..?
By using a kendama?

He does not participate in his gym class as well

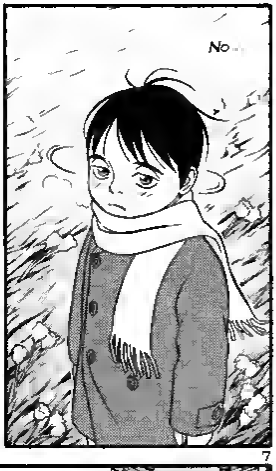
As usual Yukari Oe doesn't take any notes because he can't use his right hand.

Is this really okay?
Hmm

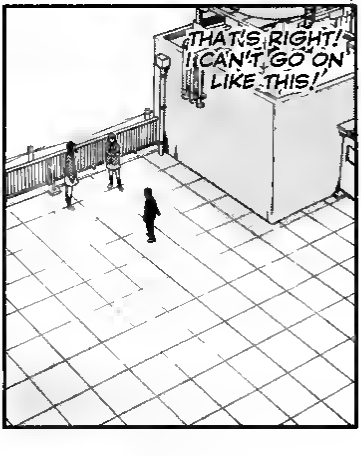
Oe.
Let's see. This week the following people are on cleaning duty. Matsumoto, Nagano, Suzuki, and...
Won't cleaning duty be difficult for him?
!
Oe-kun is still injured
Sensei
You'll be on duty when you've healed up Oe-kun
You're right I'll let him slide for now... So Kato then.
Is it really okay... to go on like this...?
Again, even in class, my life is causing problems for others...


Yukari
Do you what is the one thing a man should never do?

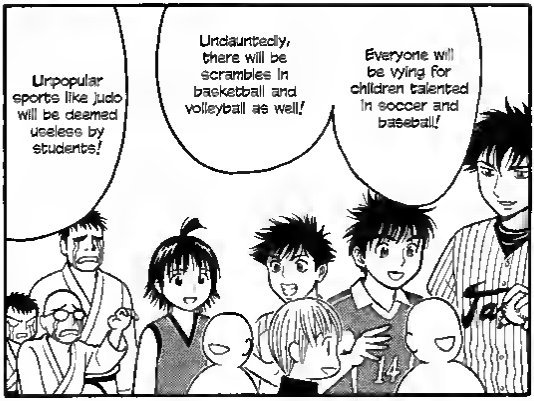
That is to tell a lie.
But daddy if you hadn't told a lie, then mom wouldn't have run out on you.


No...

I've had enough!
I'm going to tell her the truth. I'll tell her I'm no longer injured!


THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!

I don't know how things were done in Princess Teriko Island or whatever, but it seems a returnee like you doesn't know much about the current situation in Japan
You're naïve.
I was wondering what you were going to tell us...
Heh
Japan is currently suffering from declining birthrates!
Listen up Yukari!
What does that have to do with anything...?
Eh...?
Also it's Prince Edward Island...
8
Yeah I wonder what will happen?
If it keeps up, what will happen?
And then, there are no signs of the declining birthrates stopping anytime soon!
Y-Yes, what will happen?
Like how within a few decades, the population of 18 year olds decreased by 70 million people. So it went down from 200 million to 130 million people
Frankly speaking, every year the number of children is decreasing
If 10 million people


Unpopular sports like judo will be deemed useless by students!
Undauntedly, there will be scrambles in basketball and volleyball as well!
Everyone will be vying for children talented in soccer and baseball!
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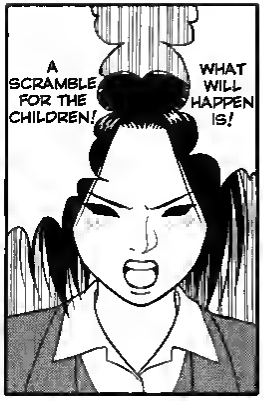
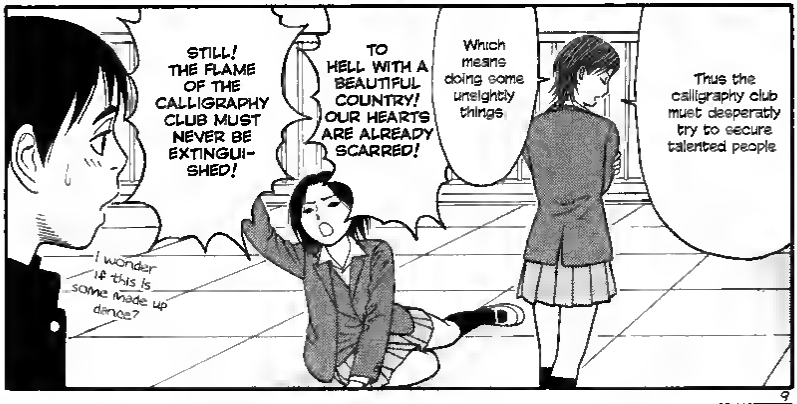

A SCRAMBLE FOR THE CHILDREN!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS!


STILL! THE FLAME OF THE CALLIGRAPHY CLUB MUST NEVER BE EXTINGUI-SHED!
TO HELL WITH A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY! OUR HEARTS ARE ALREADY SCARRED!
Which means doing some unsightly things
Thus the calligraphy club must desperately try to secure talented people
I wonder if this is some made up dance?
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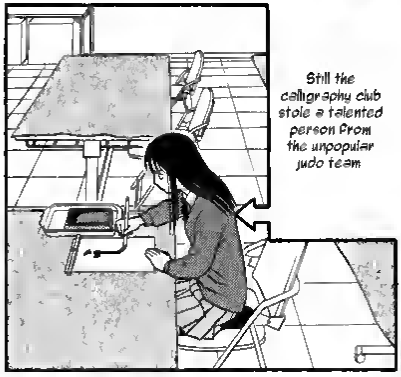
Still the calligraphy club stole a talented person from the unpopular judo team

Kamo-chan, materialist from Kinpachi-sensei isn't getting through to him!
YOU FOOL!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW WE FEEL....

The others are late. I wonder what they are doing?
I thought I grasped the essence...
That's weird?
Huh?
永
ガヤ
ガヤ
Cafeteria
Next day
Yeah him The one who looks like Gachapin
パク
For real? That returnee student who looks like he's always sleepy?
Man... Diligently attending a sports team makes me hungry.
ヒク

EEK!!
HEY! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
!
That's unbelievable!
And Mochizuki-san likes that Gachapin kid?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT. YOU OE!
HEY GACHAPIN!
COME HERE!

JUST NOW, KUGA-KUN FROM CLASS 1-S CAME AND
THIS IS BAD!
MOCHI-ZUKI-SAN!
OOF!
12
There's no way Mochizuki-san likes me
I already told you it's all a misunder-standing
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE INJURED! I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER!
YOU BETTER TELL ME TRUTH!

Ugh..
Perhaps, your injury just stirred up her sympathy right?
Besides, she's in the calligraphy club because she injured you, right?
Girls from your class were talking about it!
Tell me the truth or I'm really going to punch you!
Even from before, I didn't like you!
Your words are getting muddled
OH!
T-That's not true
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
But, I can't use my right hand! I'm scared, but... I must bear it!
Argh! He's going to hit me!

WHO ARE YOU!?
Aren't you Kuga from Koshigoe South middle school?
You shaved your head so I couldn't tell for a moment...
14
I'm coming down there You better not lay a finger on Yukari
Jeez, you woke me up from my afternoon nap...
KAMO-SENPAI!
I-IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE...
They know each other?
YOU CAME TO THIS SCHOOL!?

Eh?
You sure acting all friendly with her
Hey you. .!
You brought that to school again.
I was fully equipped with an eyemask and a silver mat.
What do you mean "our"? Kamo-senpai do you know him?
Oh... Okay!
I can vouch for that
Yuki Mochizuki and our Yukari are dating? Relax that's totally not the case
15
Yeah ! am You know what will happen if you put your hands on one of our members without my permission right?
HUH? KAMO-SENPAI IS IN THE CALLI-GRAPHY CLUB!?
Y-YES! THAT'S ALREADY...!
Just who is she?
By our I mean the calligraphy club
Of course I know him I'm looking after him right now

Oh, no don't mention it...
I'm sorry...
サッ
スッ
Huh?
So then reconcile
Shake hands
The vice president is there?
Hm?
Ah Mochizuki...
YUKARI YOU'RE IN PAIN!!
I-IT'S TOO LATE!
WHAT THE HELL!?
Wha...

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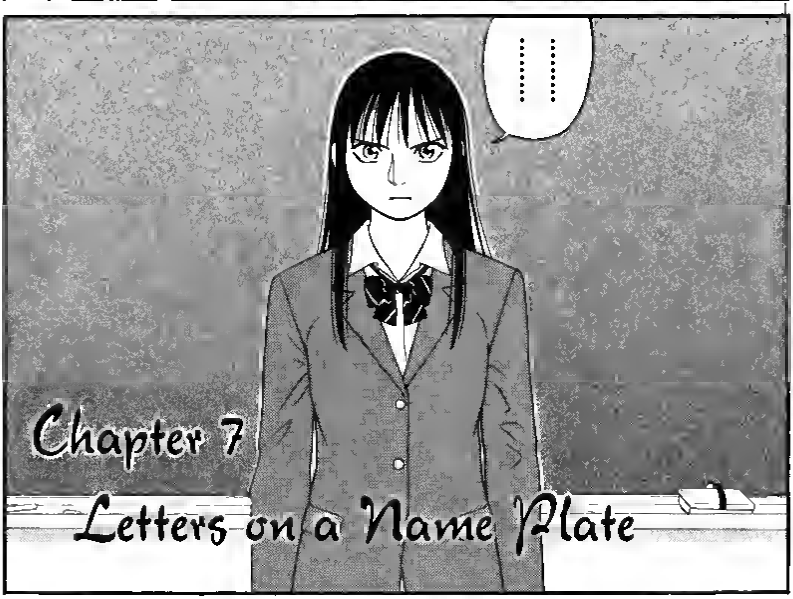
We deceived you even though we knew his arm had healed up.
I'm very sorry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Chapter 7
Letters on a Name Plate

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I'm very disappointed by the fact that you lied to me
But!
I understand the fact that you didn't want the calligraphy club to close down
Tch...
I'll be returning to the judo team
.....
He's not at fault. So could you at least forgive him
We ordered Oe-kun to pretend he was still injured
Hold on Mochizuki-san.

ピシャ
ガラ
Excuse me
Hey Mochizuki.
Oh perfect timing
3
Um... sensei.
I see. Damn... Those two have been very diligent about club activities lately.
Are those two 2nd years in the calligraphy room?
Yes, they are.
Kage-yama-sensei

It was nothing
Hm. Sure.
Thank you for showing me how to write "one".
Alright Good bye
Never-mind, good bye
But, I'm no longer
Oh I'm very glad!
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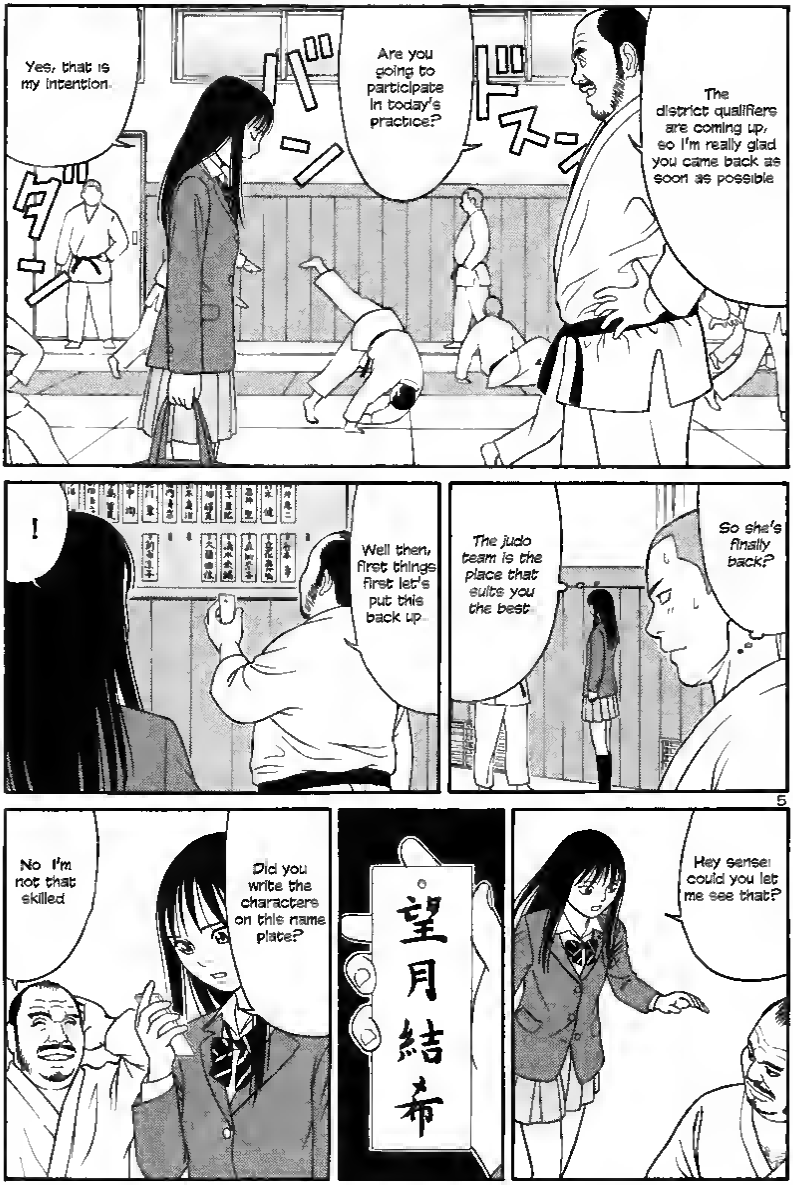
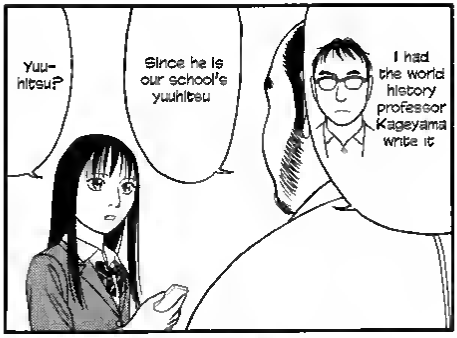
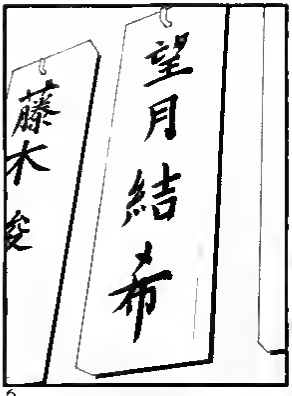
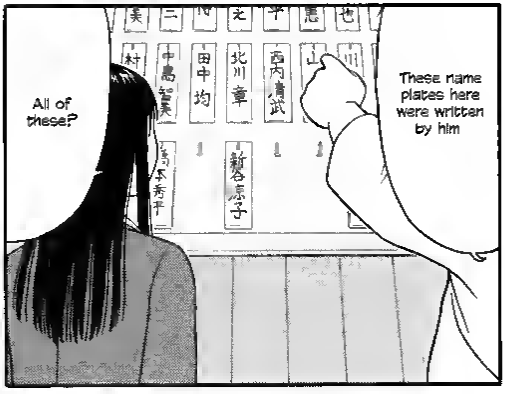

Yes, that is my intention.
Are you going to participate in today's practice?
The district qualifiers are coming up, so I'm really glad you came back as soon as possible
!
Well then, first things first let's put this back up.
The judo team is the place that suits you the best.
So she's finally back?
5
No I'm not that skilled
Did you write the characters on this name plate?
望月結希
Hey sensei could you let me see that?

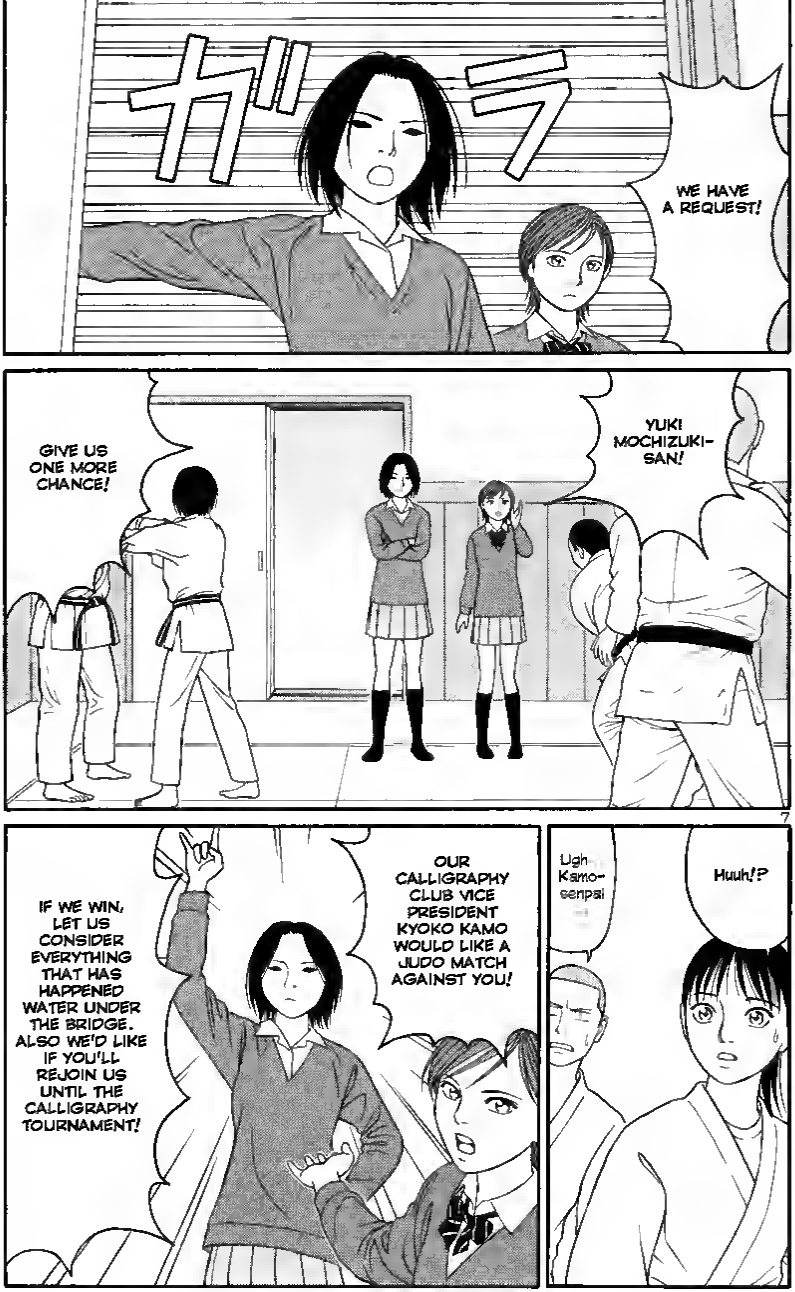
Yuuhitsu- One of the titles held by samurai. It is a person in charge of writing offical documents and keeping records similar to a secretary.

On the other hand, nowadays within corporations and organization when a document needs to be handwritten with a brush that job is placed upon a person who is good at handwriting called a yuuhitsu.

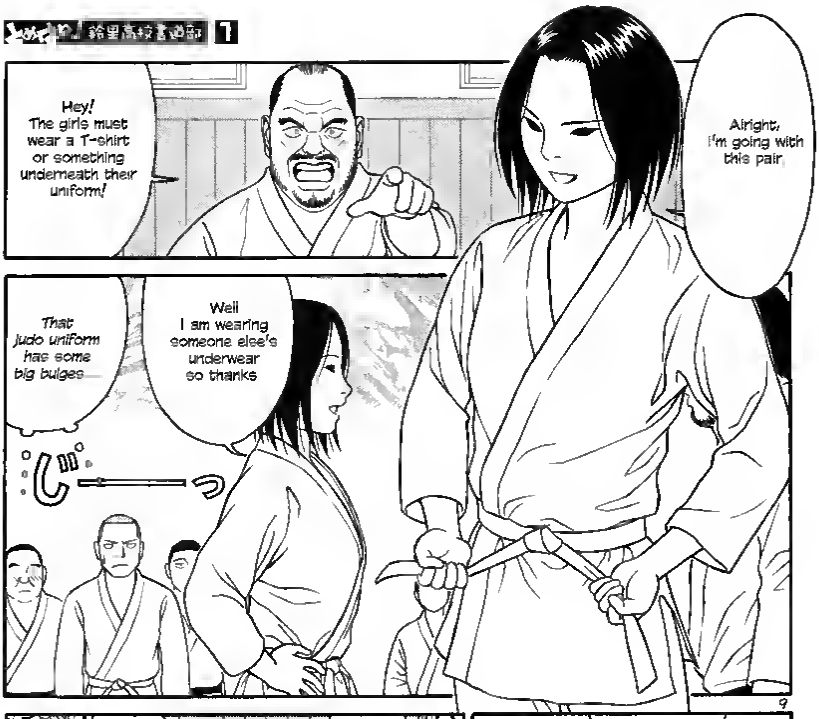







ガラ
WE HAVE A REQUEST!
GIVE US ONE MORE CHANCE!
YUKI MOCHIZUKI-SAN!
IF WE WIN, LET US CONSIDER EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE. ALSO WE'D LIKE IF YOU'LL REJOIN US UNTIL THE CALLIGRAPHY TOURNAMENT!
OUR CALLIGRAPHY CLUB VICE PRESIDENT KYOKO KAMO WOULD LIKE A JUDO MATCH AGAINST YOU!
Ugh Kamo-senpai
Huuh!?

Alright I accept
THERE IS NO MERIT FOR US TO ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE!
WHA!? WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE CONVENIENT CONDITIONS!
I'm okay with it. If this is what it takes for them to be satisfied
SHE SAID AFTER THIS IS "TEA"!
HAHAHA!
Mochizuki
Huh?
Y-YES MA'AM!
Kuga-kun try not to say anything unnecessary.
Kamo senpai has always been the type of person that you never know what she's really up to.....
Hold up Mochi-zuki.
8
Gee, I wonder about that?
As expected you're quite tolerant
Thank you for accepting our challenge, Mochizuki.
Alright then, someone lend her one of the extra judo uniforms.


Hey!
The girls must wear a T-shirt or something underneath their uniform!
Alright, I'm going with this pair
That judo uniform has some big bulges...
Well I am wearing someone else's underwear so thanks
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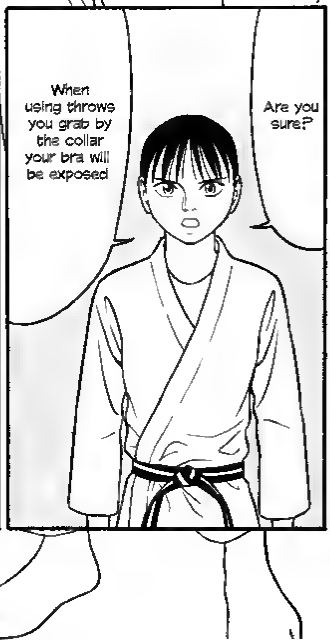
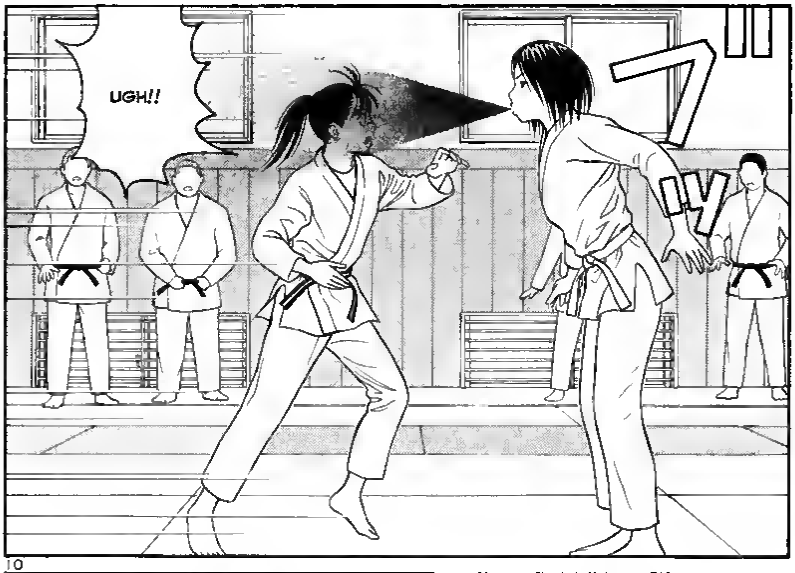
I don't care about what happens
No need to worry
BEGIN!

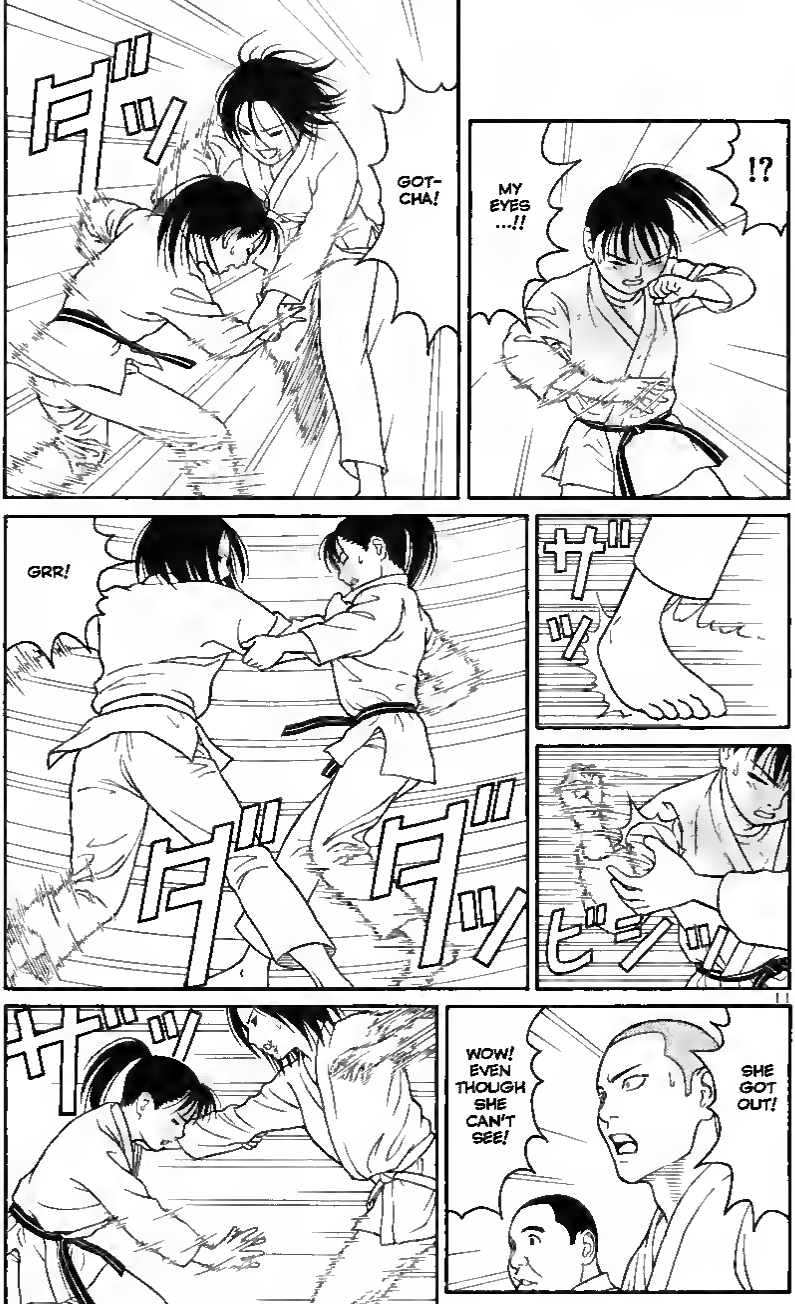

When using throws you grab by the collar your bra will be exposed
Are you sure?

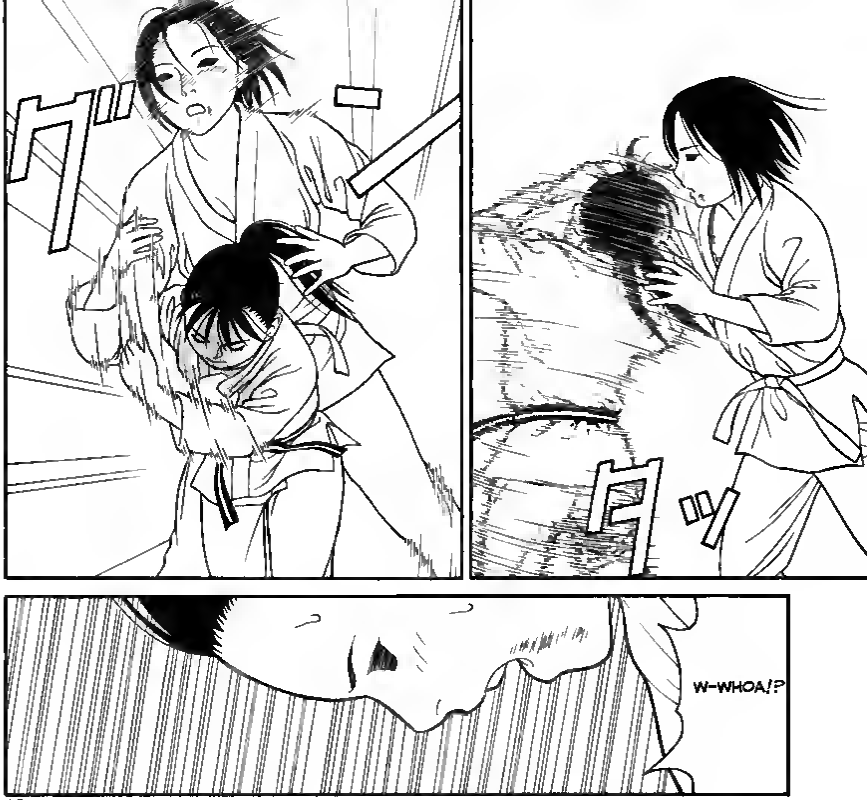
ダッ!!

NOW!!
フェッ…

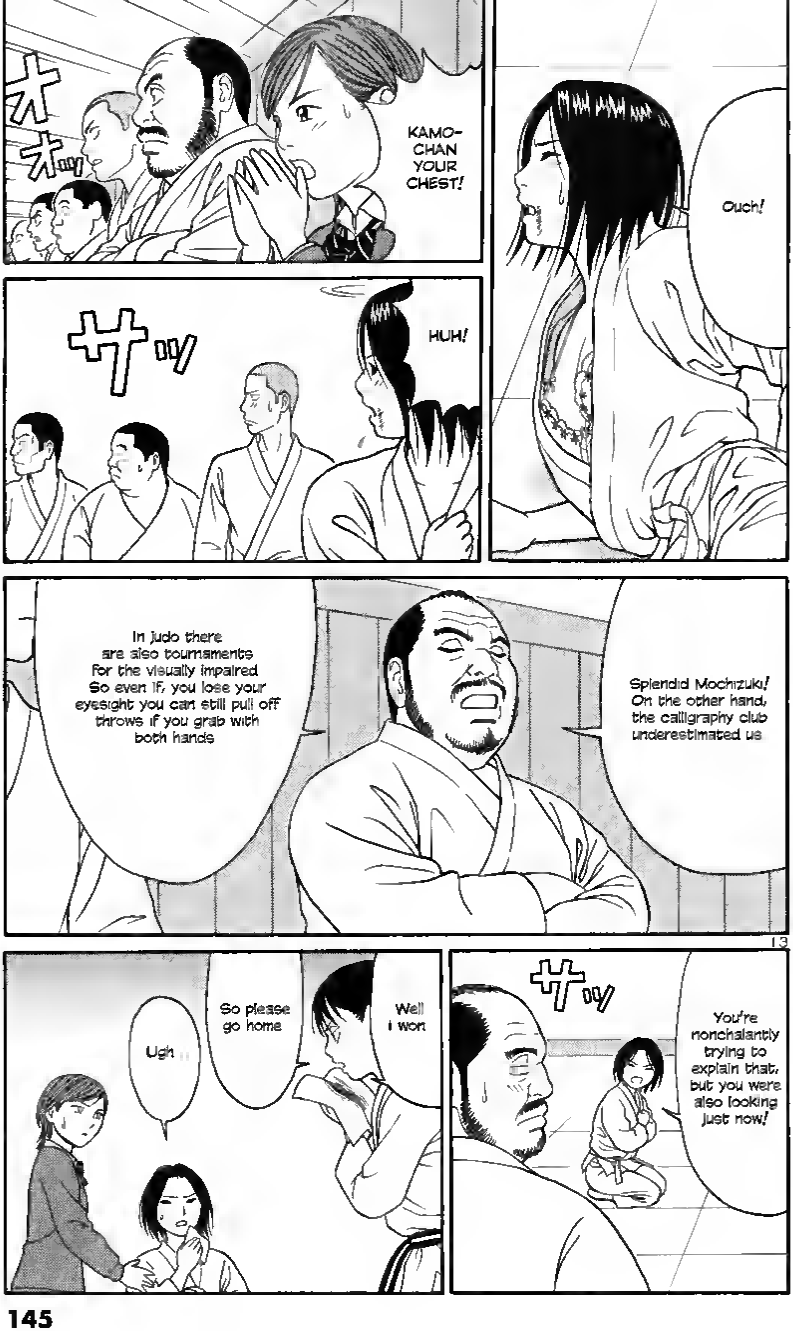

UGH!!
フッ!!
ハッ

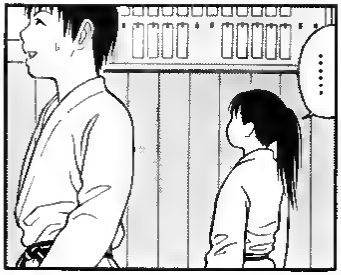
NO! THAT'S INK!!
P-POISON MIST!?


GOT-CHA!
MY EYES ...!!
!?
GRR!
WOW! EVEN THOUGH SHE CAN'T SEE!
SHE GOT OUT!


W-WHOA!?

POINT
MOCHIZUKI!!
OOF!!


KAMO-CHAN YOUR CHEST!
Ouch!
HUH!
In judo there are also tournaments for the visually impaired So even if you lose your eyesight you can still pull off throws if you grab with both hands
Splendid Mochizuki! On the other hand, the calligraphy club underestimated us
13
So please go home
Well I won
Ugh
You're nonchalantly trying to explain that, but you were also looking just now!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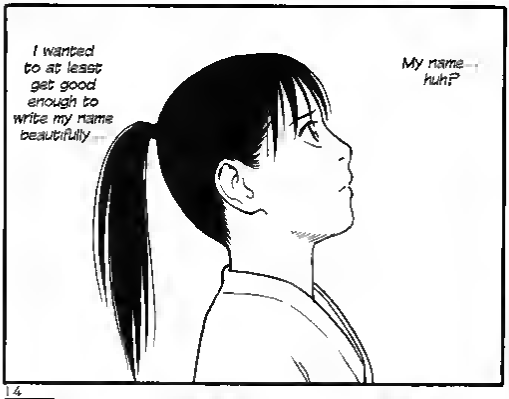
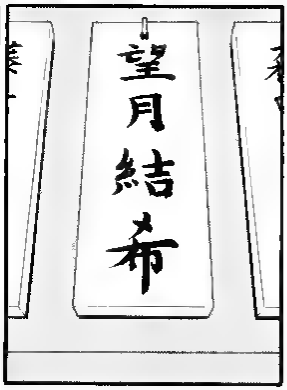
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BOW!


I wanted to at least get good enough to write my name beautifully…
My name… huh?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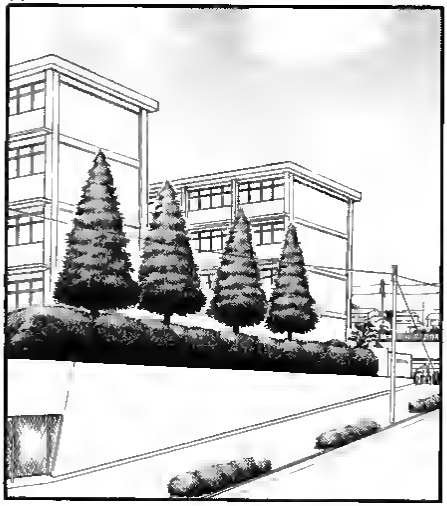

NAME?

!
Oe-kun!
!!
Do you know who wrote it?
Last week Monday, my name was written really big on the beach.
I-It...
It was me...
I . don't want to lie anymore...
Do you?
15
.....

It's true
Really?
I was the one who wrote it
I should be fine doing judo and calligraphy
I guess I'll take calligraphy
Alright
.....
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Tell the president for me Oe-kun
O-Okay ... ?
Okay...
HUH!?

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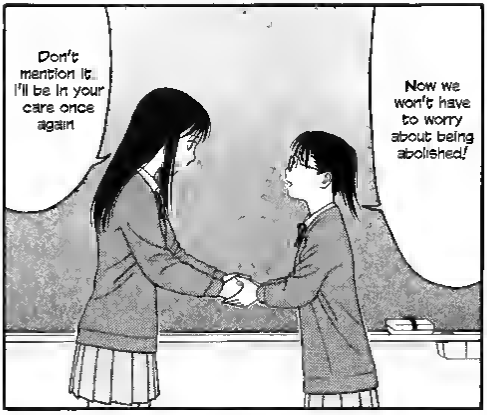
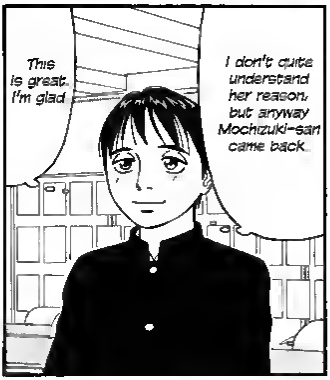
Chapter 8
Kyuseikyu-Rensenmei


Don't mention it. I'll be in your care once again
Now we won't have to worry about being abolished!

I'm very glad to have you back.

Why are these two girls scowling so much?
. . Or it should be but . .


This is great. I'm glad
I don't quite understand her reason, but anyway Mochizuki-san came back.

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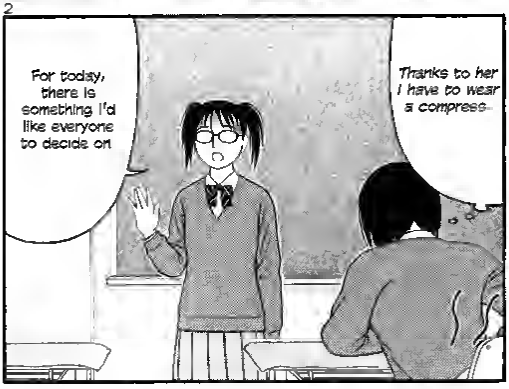
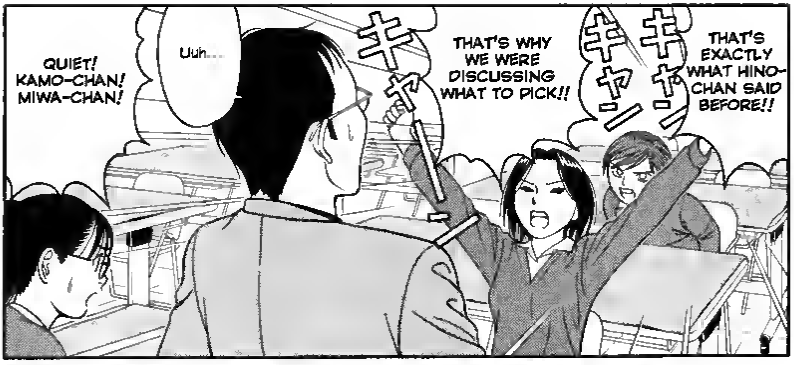

For today, there is something I'd like everyone to decide on
Thanks to her I have to wear a compress

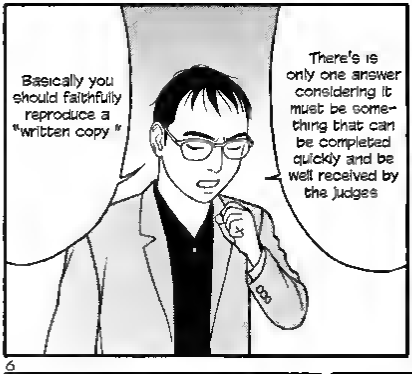
THAT DAMN YUKI MOCHIZUKI! YESTERDAY SHE TOSSED ME WITH ALL HER MIGHT

Yes, Mochizuki-san?
Prez.
Which is why I would like for each of you to decide on the piece you want submit. So we can start working on it.
We only have one week left until the tournament.
HE'LL DEFINITELY SAY SOME BORING CRAP!
Yes, Kamo-chan your reason?
I OPPOSED! OPPOOSED!!
WHAT!?
I think we should ask our adviser Kageyama-sensei for his opinion before we decide.
3
GRR!
We have 5 members so there won't be any chance of a draw. This wil decide it in an instant.
Why don't we do a majority vote on it?
I also think having his guidance would be a big help this time around....
What should I do?

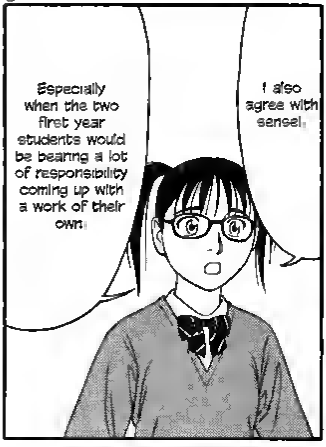
UGH!!
Aye
Let's see. People who want Kageyama-sensei to teach us?
Then I'll go get him
So then it's decided that he will teach us
Alright the ayes have it
Keh! Damn Yukari!
Right now we're deciding what to submit for the tournament
Please sensei
Ah, well... I've had a bad stomachache since yesterday ...oof it still hurts
職員室
Lead the calligraphy club?
Eeh?

Majority vote?
So in other words, the only two who opposed were Kamo and Miwa? They have become the minority now?
It was decided by a 3 to 2 vote that we would like to consult you for your opinion.
No, we just did a majority vote now
Pieces to submit? Wouldn't you guys be better off choosing on your own?
I see, so that's how it is
I see, so Kamo and Miwa can't complain?
ガヒ
President Hiro-san, Oe-kun, and I were in favor of you
Yes,
Frankly speaking there is no time left. Which is why you should decide on something today and get started right away.
Okay! The deadline for the city tournament is in one week.


QUIET! KAMO-CHAN! MIWA-CHAN!
Uuh...
キャピ
THAT'S WHY WE WERE DISCUSSING WHAT TO PICK!!
キャピーン
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HINO-CHAN SAID BEFORE!!


Basically you should faithfully reproduce a "written copy"
There's is only one answer considering it must be something that can be completed quickly and be well received by the judges

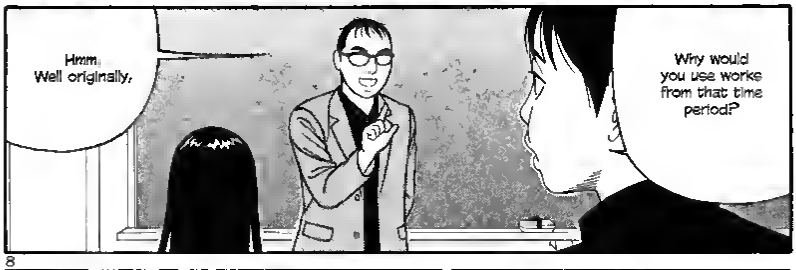
Y-Yes
Please continue
We decided to ask him for his opinion
Tch...


Especially when the two first year students would be bearing a lot of responsibility coming up with a work of their own
I also agree with sensei

THEN TELL ME WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DO YOU HAVE?
YOU'RE GOING TO REJECT EVERY-THING?
I OBJECT! OBJECTION!
SEE! BORING! A WRITTEN COPY HE SAYS!!

You're right Okay people who want to submit a written copy?
Prez let's decide by majority vote then?
Ugh again!
U-Umm ...
What is a "written copy"?
GOOD! WELL DONE YUKARI!
HM!?
Huh?
What is it?
YOU DON'T KNOW YET YOU VOTED!

Among them you can learn the basic form of kanji in the standard style It's great to make written copies of classical Chinese works from around the 7th century
A written copy, in layman terms is "to write a copy of an original sample". In calligraphy it means to reproduce a classical work


Hmm. Well originally,
Why would you use works from that time period?

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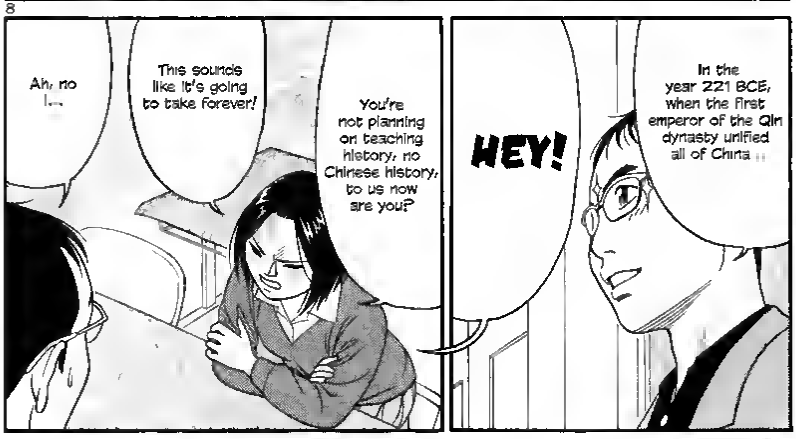
Ah, no I...
This sounds like it's going to take forever!
You're not planning on teaching history, no Chinese history, to us now are you?
HEY!
In the year 221 BCE, when the first emperor of the Qin dynasty unified all of China ,,

Sensei, please just summarize it at around the "First three masters of the Tang dynasty".
Grr...
He's a Chinese history otaku, which is why he gets all into it. And because he takes so long his lectures about Western history have a tendency to lag behind.
In general, this guy's history lessons have a bad reputation.

Well, anyway around the 7th century three calligraphers appeared who were called the "First three masters of the Tang dynasty".
They were Ouyang Xun,
Yu Shinan,
and Chu Suiliang.
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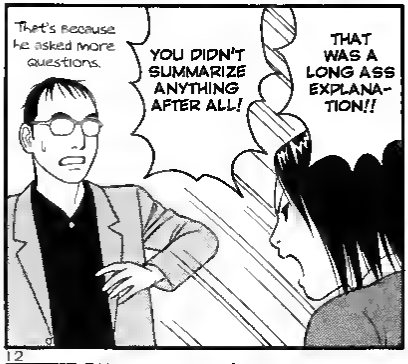
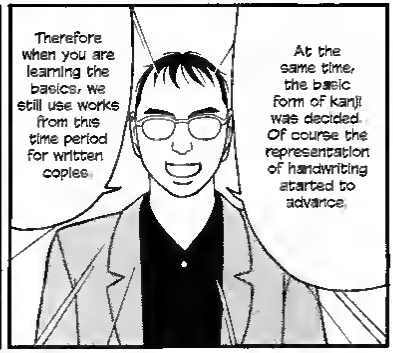
Hmm? Is that so?
Frankly speaking kanji has not advanced in the span of 1300 years from that era to our modern era.
It could be said that these 3 men perfected the standard style of kanji. You asked why is it we still use their works in modern times?

Isn't that strange?
Huh..?
Well that means just how much of a high degree it's been perfected
It has not evolved Currently the standard style is the final form of kanji
And also, I heard when you change that more and more it becomes something called "grass style". Doesn't it become the "grass" style when it it goes from "standard" and "cursive"?
Standard
Cursive
Grass
It's already a code
A while ago, my senpai explained how the "standard" style requires less energy than the "cursive" style
Take a look at any bill inside your wallet
This might be the first time you've heard about the clerical script, but you're very familiar with it
10
It's true It's not the standard style
1000
日本銀行
千円
日本銀行
Ah!
No Kanji originally established by the first Qin emperor was based on a "postscript"
From that an easy to write calligraphic style called the "clerical script" was born It prospered during the Han dynasty
And during this era, the postscript and clerical script became the standard and grass style in order to be written faster
Post script
Clerical script
Standard

Yes, It was called...
Revolutionary?
カッ
カッカッ
That's because during that time, something very revolutionary took place in penmanship
Now then, the standard style started appearing around the 3rd century during the era of the Three Kingdoms. However it wasn't truly perfected until the 6th-7th centuries.
It's a rhythm vocalized as ton-suu-ton. The beginning of a brush stroke, the follow thru and the end of the brush stroke. This style of penmanship is the basis of modern calligraphy that consists of these 3 elements within a kanji stroke.
トン
スー
トン
起筆
送筆
収筆
Brush movement.
San-seppou!
So how was it written before?
Oh! It's the character for "one".
This was brushwork not used in general in the previous era.
When writing using the sanseppou, the kanji takes this form.
トン
スー
トン
送筆
収筆
キューッ
Compared to the sanseppou you can call this one niseppou.
It was written using a ton-guu rhythm instead of ton-suu.

It was around that time, that the men I mentioned earlier who were called "The first three masters of the Tang Dynasty" constructed the perfected standard style
That's correct
So in other words, the sansseppou was born and the standard style was perfected?


That's because he asked more questions.
YOU DIDN'T SUMMARIZE ANYTHING AFTER ALL!
THAT WAS A LONG ASS EXPLANA-TION!!


Therefore when you are learning the basics, we still use works from this time period for written copies.
At the same time, the basic form of kanji was decided. Of course the representation of handwriting started to advance.

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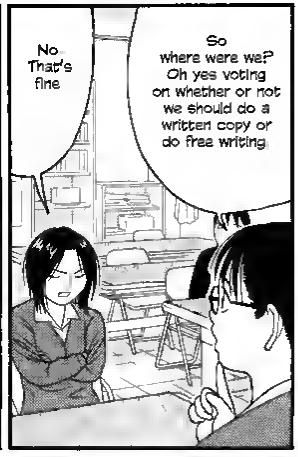
Well about that...
Oh, yes

So what piece do you have in mind?
It's true we don't have much time left So we'll do a written copy or whatever


No That's fine
So where were we? Oh yes voting on whether or not we should do a written copy or do free writing.

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If you choose to use this for a written copy, I guarantee your handwriting will improve. You won't lose no mater what...
Compared to Chu Suliang's "Ganto-Shokyoujo", it is one of two greatest masterpieces of the standard style. The perfection of thie work is often called the "epitome of the standard style"
I think you should go with Ouyang's "Kyuseikyu-Renseimei"
It sounds kind of amazing .
ワクワク
One of the two greatest masterpieces of China in 4000 years...
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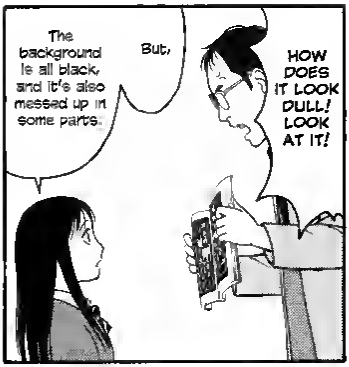
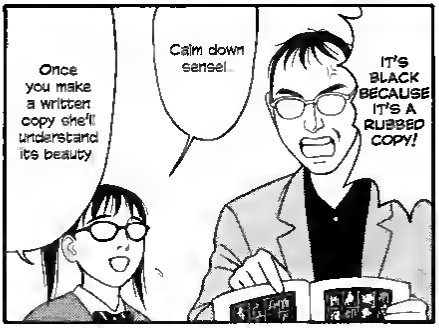
The "Kyuseikyu-Renseimei"
This is it.


The background is all black, and it's also messed up in some parts.
But,
HOW DOES IT LOOK DULL! LOOK AT IT!

WHAAAT!?
You've got to be kidding me... It looks so dull...

So obviously, we're going to pick out four or six characters to work on.
Also the "Kyuseikyu" is written with over a 1000 characters


Once you make a written copy she'll understand its beauty
Calm down sensei...
IT'S BLACK BECAUSE IT'S A RUBBED COPY!

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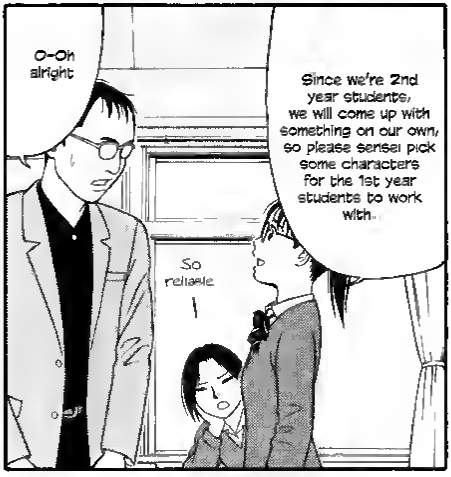
O-Oh alright
Since we're 2nd year students, we will come up with something on our own, so please sensei pick some characters for the 1st year students to work with.
So reliable

Now pick the one you want to write.
Oh this one looks pretty good
I'll pick this one.
"Seijin-Nodoku" and...
聖人之徳
"Sono kiyoshi kagami no gotoshi"
其清鏡若
カチャン
Alrighty time to write
That's just how amazing Ouyang was...
"This looks pretty good"? This just is a written copy!
Just let it go...
15
They said he was a promising member of the calligraphy club.
Speaking of which, this will be the first time I see Oe-kun write something.
Hmm...
スラスラ

ヘロ～
トン
サッ
Wow! You suck Yukari.
ラー
聖徳人之
Huh?
16
Will we actually make it in time for the tournament...?
Where the hell is he hopeful star
You were in Canada so you never had penmanship lessons
Oh yeah this is the first time you've used a brush right?

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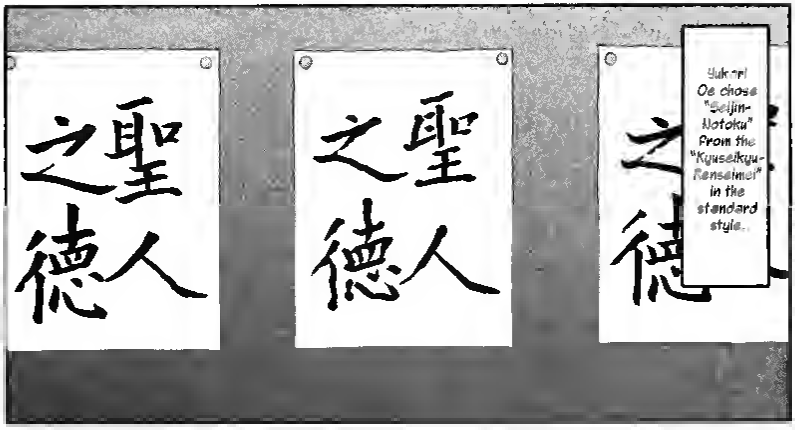
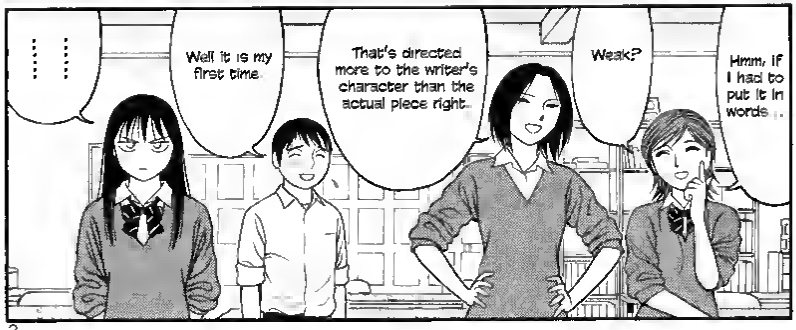
Chapter 9

Seijin-Notoku


聖人之徳
聖人之徳
Yuki-ri!
Oe chose "Seijin-Notoku" from the "Kyuseikyu-Tensetsu" in the standard style...


Well it is my first time...
That's directed more to the writer's character than the actual piece right...
Weak?
Hmm, if I had to put it in words...

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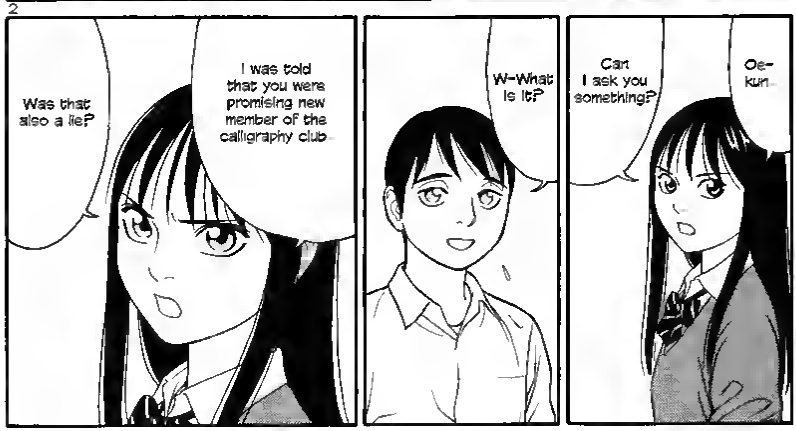
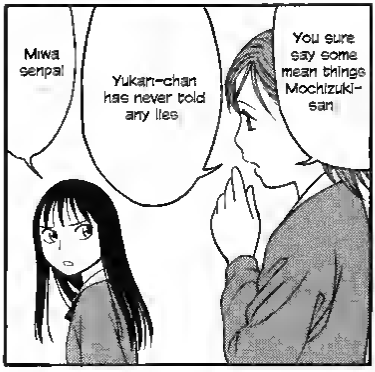
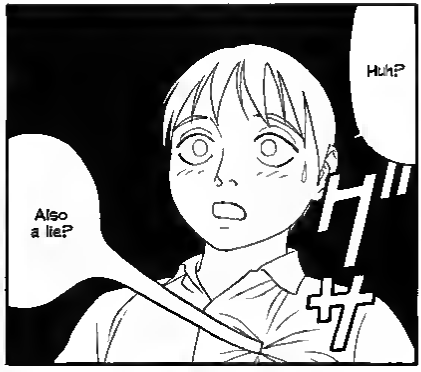

Was that also a lie?
I was told that you were promising new member of the calligraphy club...
W-What is it?
Can I ask you something?
Oe-kun...


Miwa senpai
Yukari-chan has never told any lies
You sure say some mean things Mochizuki-san


Huh?
Also a lie?
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Yeah. Sorta.
Did she really say that?
You said he was "promising new member of the calligraphy club", which made ma the one who injured him excessively worry more!
Yes, he wasn't the one who said it. As I recall it was you Miwa senpai, right?

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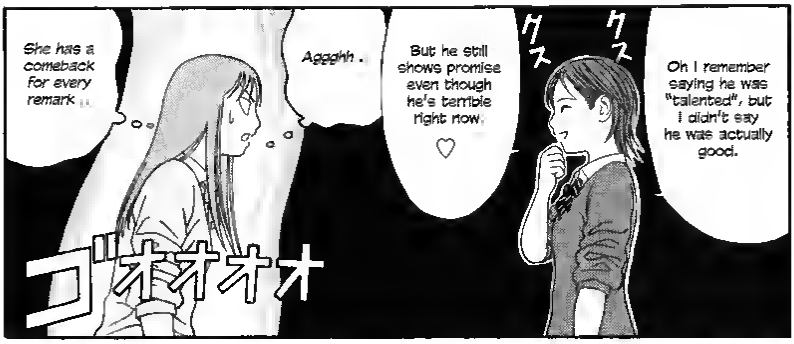
EEH!?
The truth is, the injured freshman boy Yukari Oe-kun is a very promising and talented member of our calligraphy club.
BUT AT THE JUDO HALL...

Huh?
Still, I don't recall ever saying he was "good at calligraphy".
Sigh


She has a comeback for every remark...
Aggghh.
But he still shows promise even though he's terrible right now. ♡
クス クス
Oh I remember saying he was "talented", but I didn't say he was actually good.
ゴオオオオ

Likewise Yuki Mochizuki chose "Sono kiyoshi kagami no gotoshi" from the "Kyuseikyu-Renseimei".
其清鏡若
其清鏡若
其清鏡若

It's too thick without a doubt!
That's a false accusation
Aren't you just saying that because you saw Oe-kun's work?
Mochizuki-san, the "Kyuseikyu" is a noble piece of calligraphy So please try to write it a little thinner
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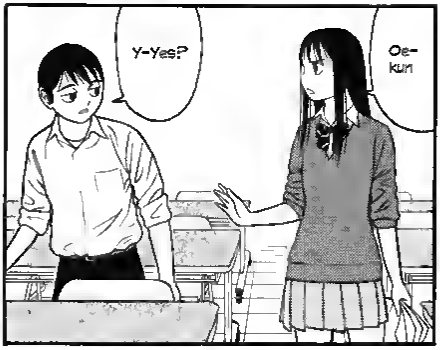
Y-Yes?
Oe-kun

Well then, let's each one of us work hard until the deadline

O-Okay
Uh

You're a guy right? So write more like one.

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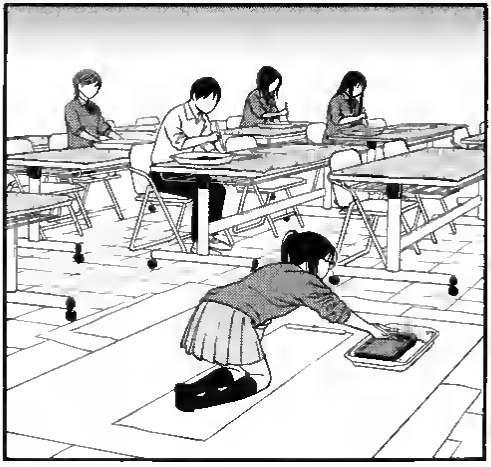

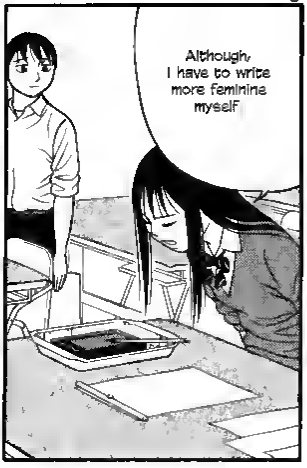
Although, I have to write more feminine myself

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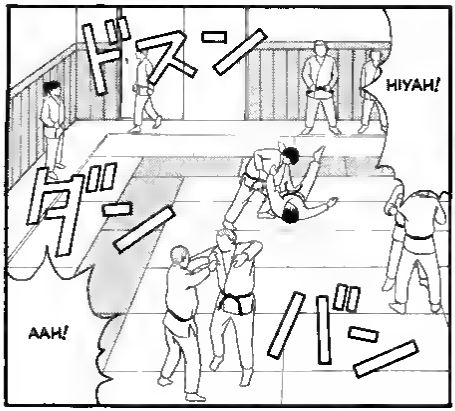
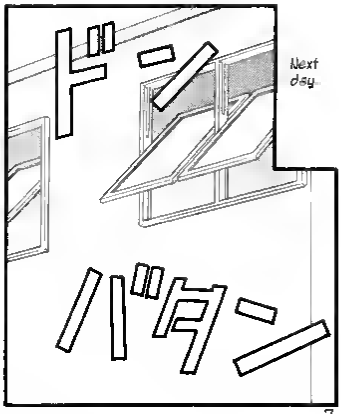
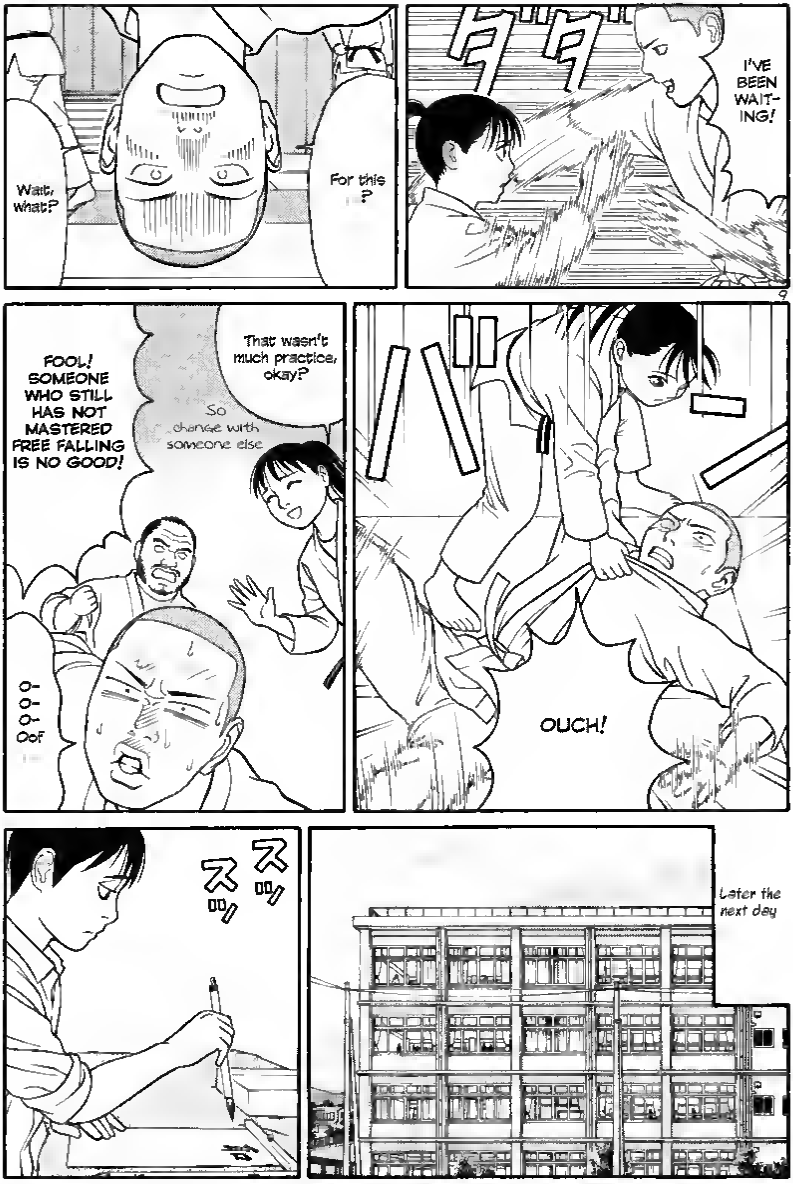

ドスン
HIYAH!
ダーン
AAH!
バン


Next day...
ドン
バタン

Mochizuki is part of two clubs. She attends the judo team and calligraphy club every other day.
YAAHH!!

バアン
ドオ
ドタン
スパッ
ドッ
Why must she go to the calligraphy club when she's this talented?
This is such a waste!
What a waste
8
I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT MOCHI-ZUKI!
ONE OF YOU BOYS GO!
STOP! THE GIRLS ARE NO MATCH FOR MOCHIZUKI!


Wait, what?
For this ?
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I'VE BEEN WAITING!
FOOL! SOMEONE WHO STILL HAS NOT MASTERED FREE FALLING IS NO GOOD!
That wasn't much practice, okay?
So change with someone else
Ooof
OUCH!
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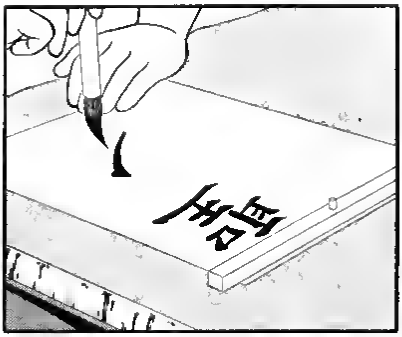
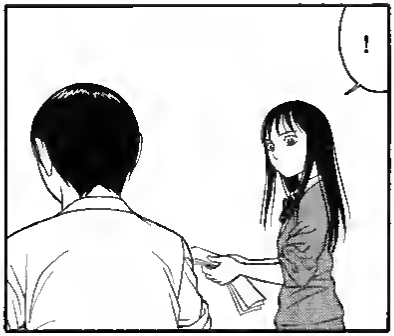
Later the next day

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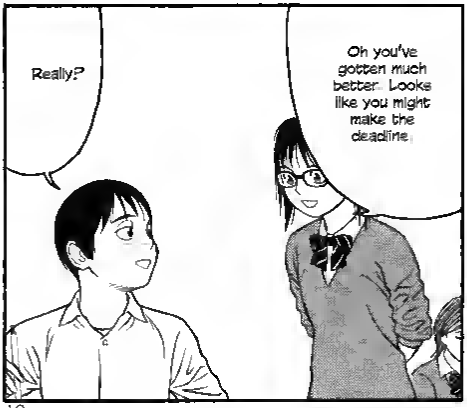
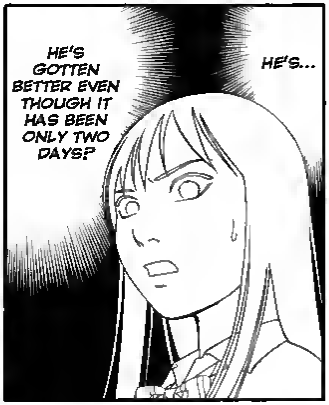

Really?
Oh you've gotten much better. Looks like you might make the deadline.


HE'S...
HE'S GOTTEN BETTER EVEN THOUGH IT HAS BEEN ONLY TWO DAYS?

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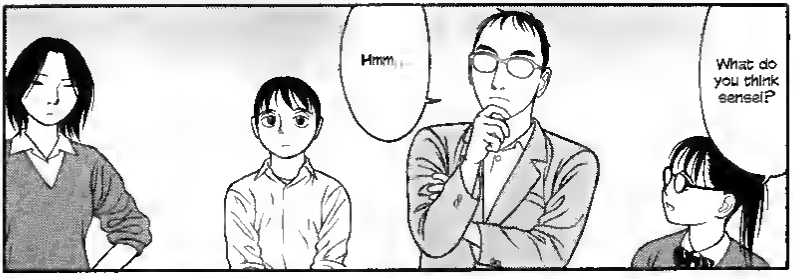
I am taking it seriously I'm writing everyday
Normally I used to write every one or two days before
I'd like the 2nd year students to learn from his example and take this seriously as well

Huh? He was?
Oe-kun was writing for 3 hours yesterday.

AT THIS RATE I'LL BE THE UNSKILLED ONE OF THE CLUB.
JEEZ!
Tch! Can't have that!
You might not make the deadline, and end up submitting something even poorer in skill than Oe-kun
DAMN IT! I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE TO HIM!
I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE SINCE I ONLY WRITE EVERY OTHER DAY...
Then, another two days later


Hmm...
What do you think sensei?

聖人
聖之徳人
徳人
To think it's only been 5 days since he first held a brush, and he's able to write like this...

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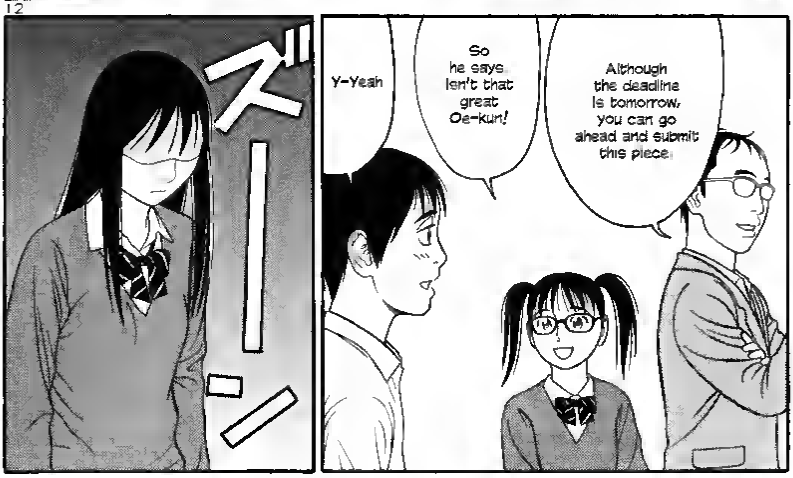
ズーン
Y-Yeah
So he says. Isn't that great Oe-kun!
Although the deadline is tomorrow, you can go ahead and submit this piece.

Sensei!
Oh. However she must attend judo practice tomorrow right?
Mochizuki needs to work a little harder.
其清若鏡
Oh, okay, it's fine. I don't mind.
Please let me work on it until the end.
Tomorrow judo practice ends at 6pm. I'll come here afterwards
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And on the day of the deadline
I can't lose to him!
I'll work on it tomorrow and somehow finish my piece!

Mochizuki-san.
Oh
Is judo practice is over?
Ah, y-yes.
You're still here?
Huh Oe-kun?
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Yes, I thought I should work on it a little more...
Oe-kun... they said you can submit your piece. But you're still working on it?
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Why are you working so hard on it?
Such a hard worker.
Hmm
You're a guy right? So write more like one
That's
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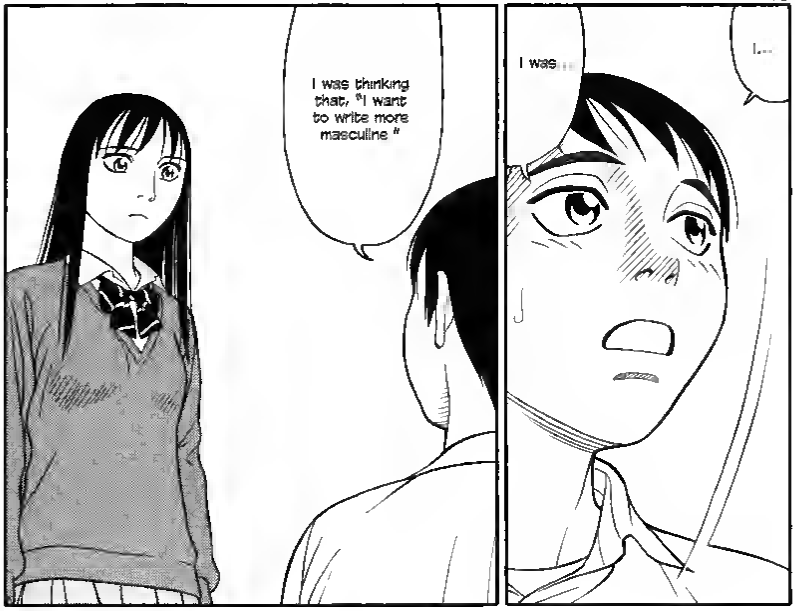
I was thinking that, "I want to write more masculine"
I was...
I...

Well despite that I don't think it looks more masculine, okay?
Yeah?
!
Oh Mochizuki? You showed up
Well, I just can't go alone to the bathroom in an empty school building
I didn't get through to her...
He's surprisingly a greedy guy...
Jeez! To think he's still aiming higher
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And so, on this day they somehow managed to finish all their pieces for the calligraphy tournament

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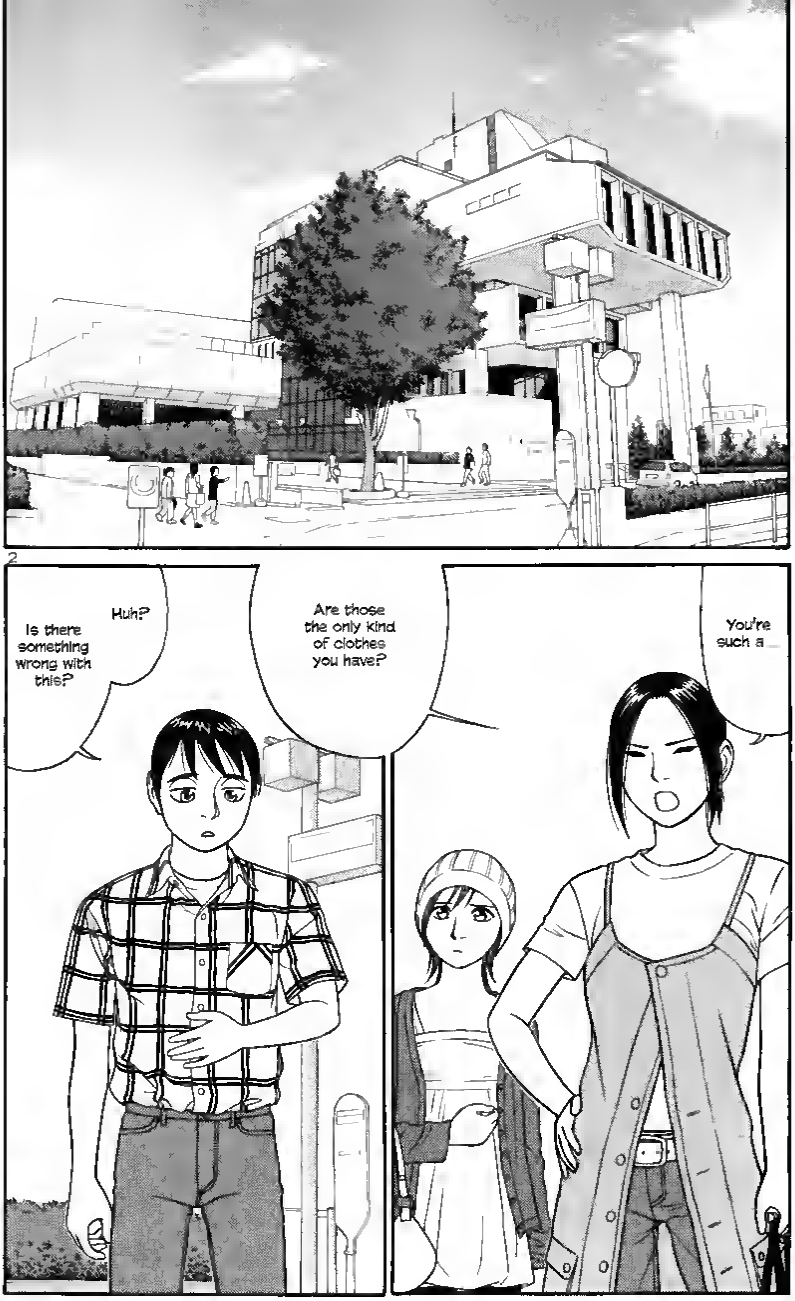
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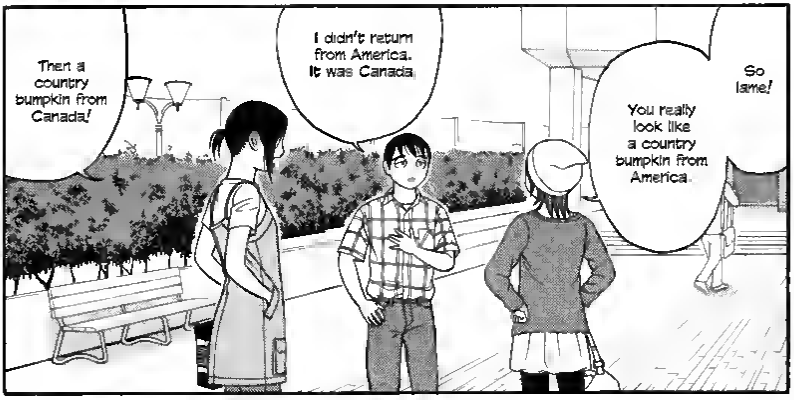
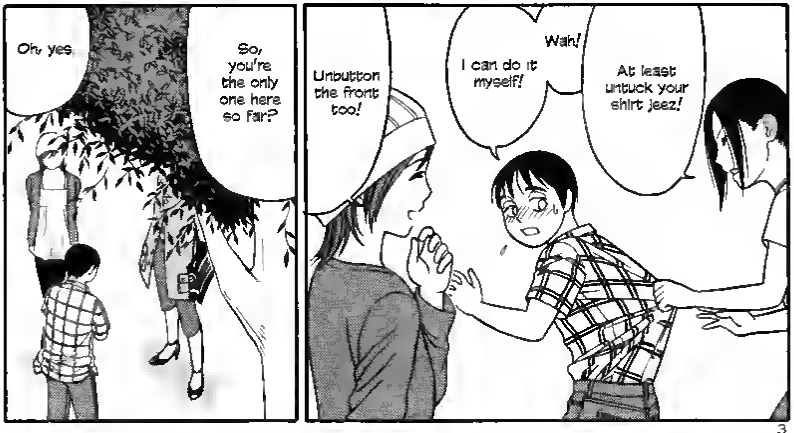
Huh?
Is there something wrong with this?
Are those the only kind of clothes you have?
You're such a ...


Then a country bumpkin from Canada!
I didn't return from America. It was Canada.
You really look like a country bumpkin from America.
So lame!


Oh, yes.
So, you're the only one here so far?
Unbutton the front too!
Wah!
I can do it myself!
At least untuck your shirt, jeez!

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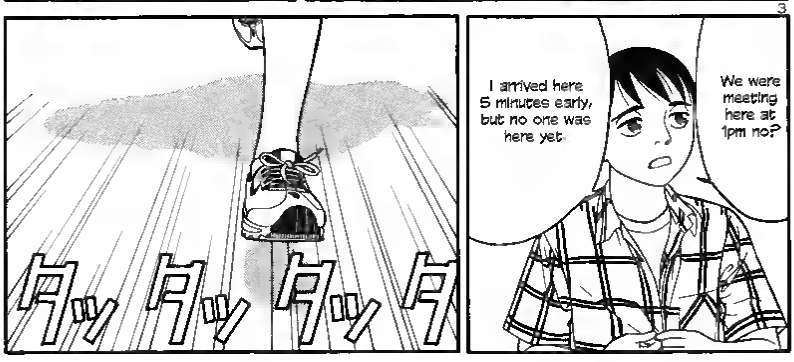
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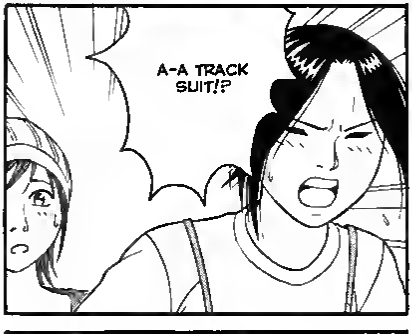
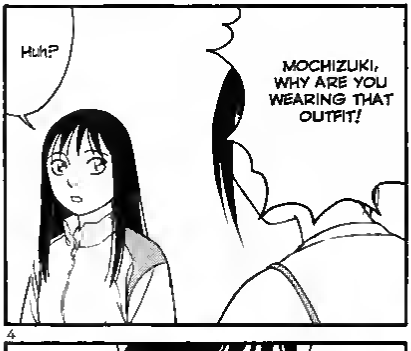
I arrived here 5 minutes early, but no one was here yet.
We were meeting here at 1pm no?

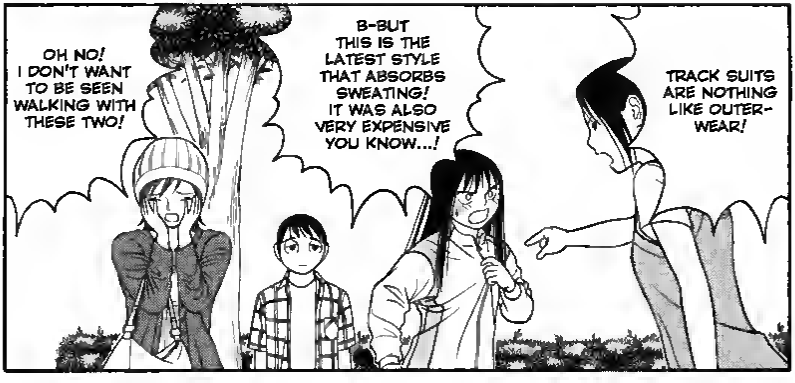
Sorry for being late
What's up!

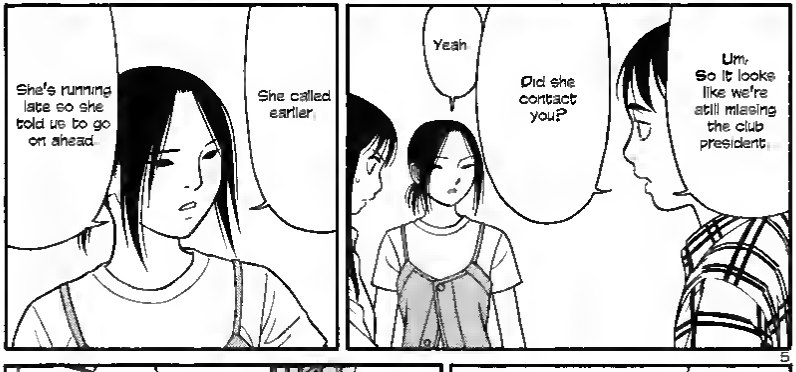

A-A TRACK SUIT!?


Huh?
MOCHIZUKI, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT OUTFIT!

This is outerwear for going out!
What's wrong with this—?

So this is the calligraphy tournament hall?


OH NO! I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN WALKING WITH THESE TWO!
B-BUT THIS IS THE LATEST STYLE THAT ABSORBS SWEATING! IT WAS ALSO VERY EXPENSIVE YOU KNOW...!
TRACK SUITS ARE NOTHING LIKE OUTER-WEAR!


She called earlier.
She's running late so she told us to go on ahead.
Um, So it looks like we're still missing the club president.
Did she contact you?
Yeah.

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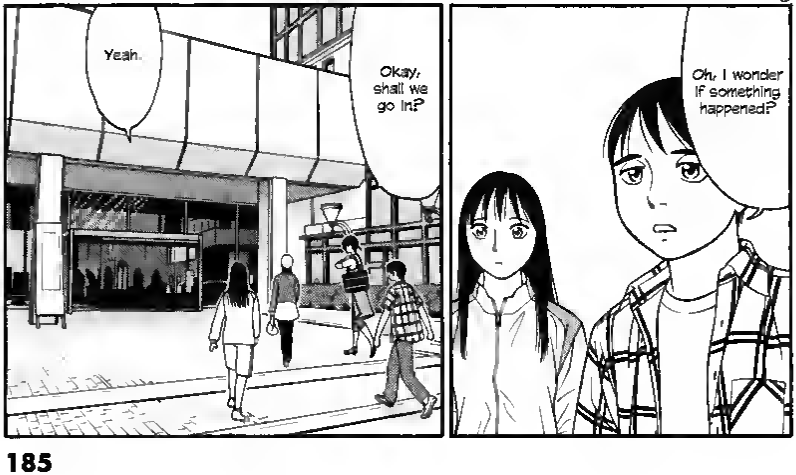
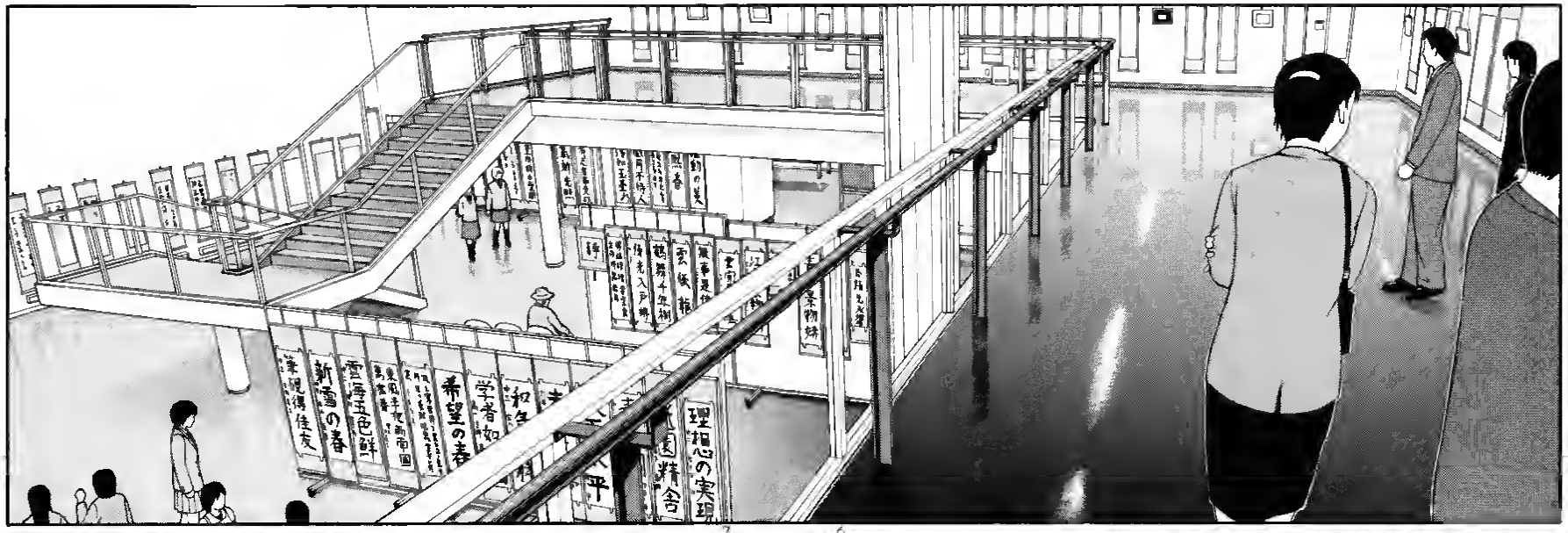
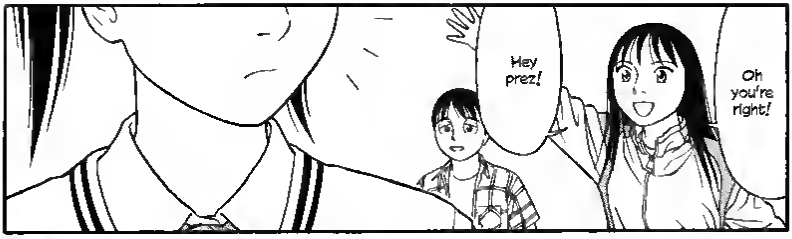

Yeah.
Okay, shall we go in?
Oh, I wonder if something happened?

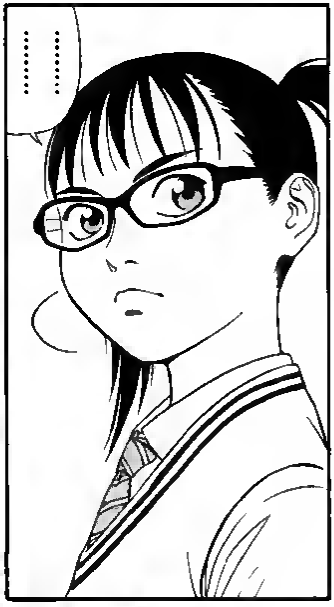

理想の実現
希望の春
新雪の春
雲従龍
無事是佳日
江山景物新

Isn't that the club president?
Ah!

Well then, I wonder where they put our places?
There are so many of them.
Wow.
理想の実


Hey prez!
Oh you're right!

It looks like you're wearing the uniform for a different school
What the? What's with this strange outfit prez?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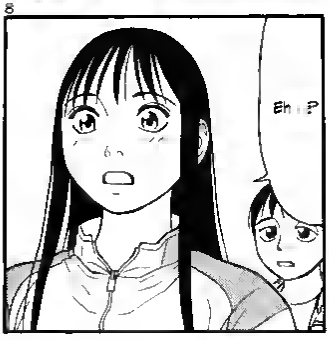
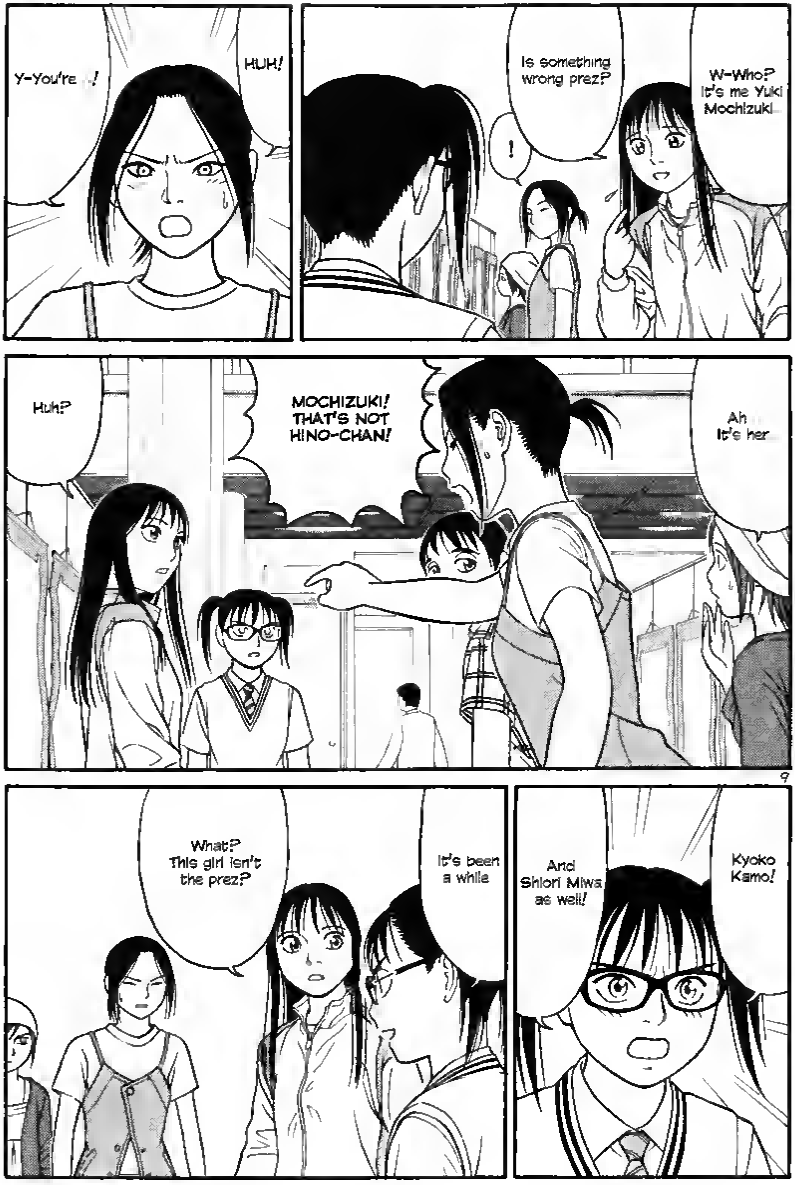

Eh...?

Better yet, who the hell are you?
Huh? What are you talking about?


Y-You're...!
HUH!
Is something wrong prez?
!
W-Who? It's me Yuki Mochizuki...
Huh?
MOCHIZUKI! THAT'S NOT HINO-CHAN!
Ah... It's her...
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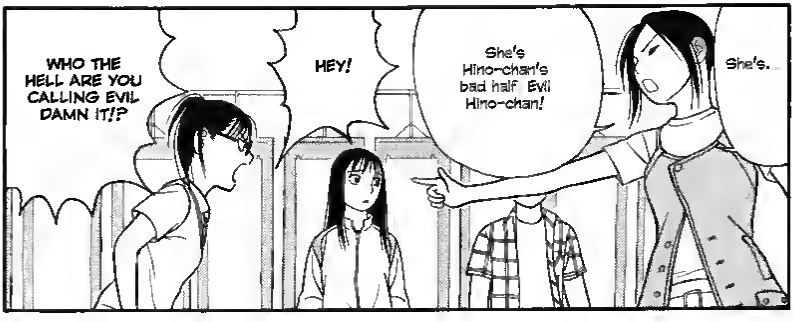
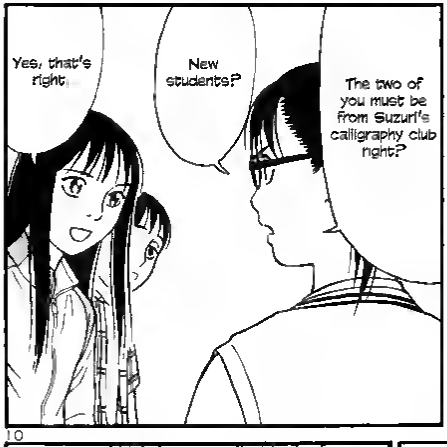
What? This girl isn't the prez?
It's been a while
And Shiori Miwa as well!
Kyoko Kamo!


WHO THE HELL ARE YOU CALLING EVIL DAMN IT!?
HEY!
She's Hino-chan's bad half. Evil Hino-chan!
She's...


Yes, that's right.
New students?
The two of you must be from Suzuri's calligraphy club right?

My name is Yoshimi Hino!
Explain it to her properly Kyoko!

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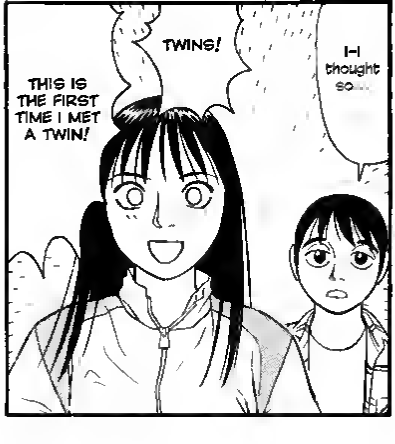
TWINS!
I-I thought so...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I MET A TWIN!

Your club president Hiromi Hino is my twin sister.

I think you're quite similar...
Did you hear that? This is how she is...
And also, Hiromi and I went to the same middle school as that girl with the huge body but tiny eyes. Along with that other one who excels at cunning
Hmph
She probably overslept
You wouldn't happen to know why she's late?
Speaking of which we're waiting for your sister Hiromi
However Yoshimi the younger sibling has a demonic twisted personality!
Hiromi the older sister has an angelic kind personality,
SHUT UP!
I have to apologize to everyone.
Ahh!
At that time
S-See I knew it! You're a demon!
Since she suffers from low blood pressure, doing that will certainly make her oversleep!
Because I turned off her alarm clock this morning

But how come you two went to different high schools?
As I recall that uniform is from...
Private Kugenuma Academy!
And I'm the president of their calligraphy club.
I feel bad for the other members...
By the way!
Are these your pieces?
Oh so this is where they were!

Now that I look at it, it isn't all that bad?
I didn't have much confidence when I wrote it, but...
聖人之徳
其清若鏡
STOP! ALL YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IS SPREADING YOUR EVIL!
Y-YOU BITCH...
UGH.. I KNEW IT!
Low level shit!
Hah!
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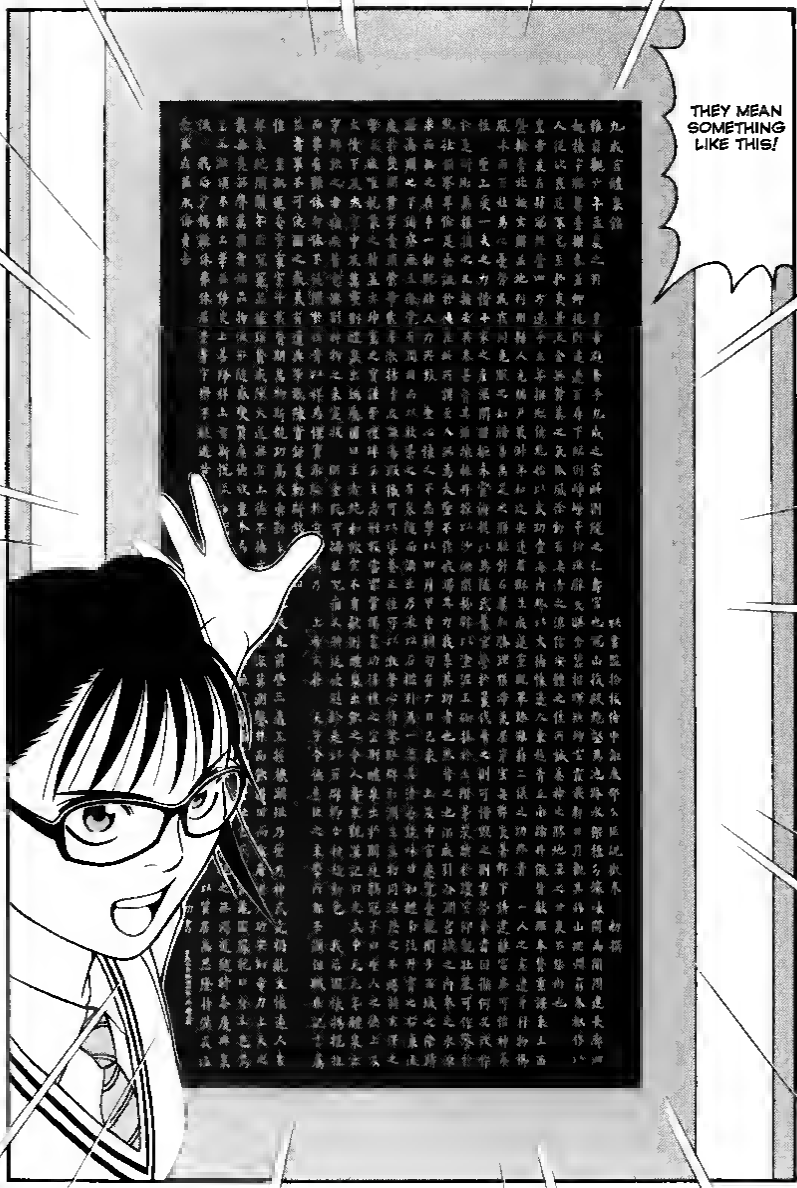
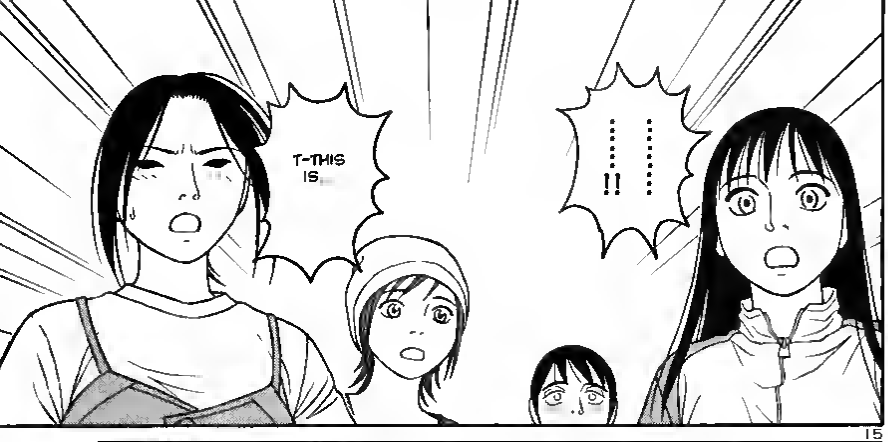
When people say a piece in the standard style...
No, no I'll have you know
This isn't a piece! It's just practice!
I mean, I don't even want to hear you calling these lousy 4 characters in the standard style a calligraphy piece!


THEY MEAN SOMETHING LIKE THIS!


T-THIS IS...
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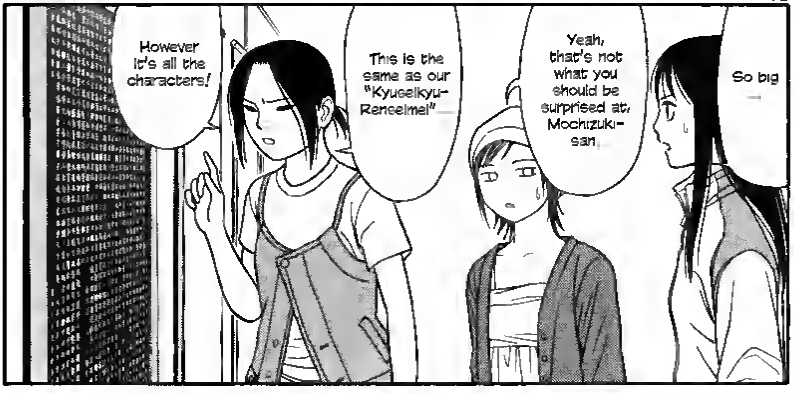
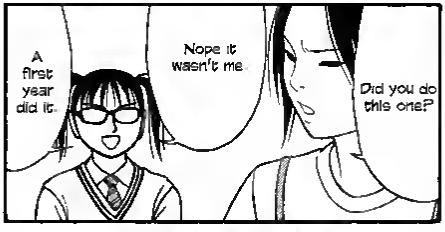
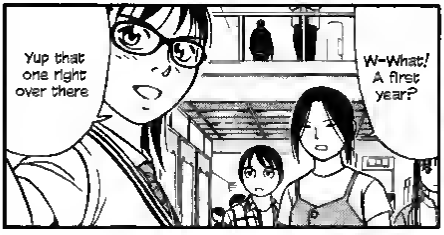

So big...
Yeah, that's not what you should be surprised at, Mochizuki-san.
This is the same as our "Kyuseikyu-Ranseime!"
However it's all the characters!


Did you do this one?
Nope it wasn't me.
A first year did it.


W-What! A first year?
Yup that one right over there.

All the characters of the "Kyuseukyu" total over 1000!
To write out a complete one... I wonder how many hours no days it took to finish this!

Yes?
Hey Teshi-gawara!
What is it president?
16
?
HA HA HA HA HA!
WE LOST!
SHIT!
Huh?
A guy?
くるり
?

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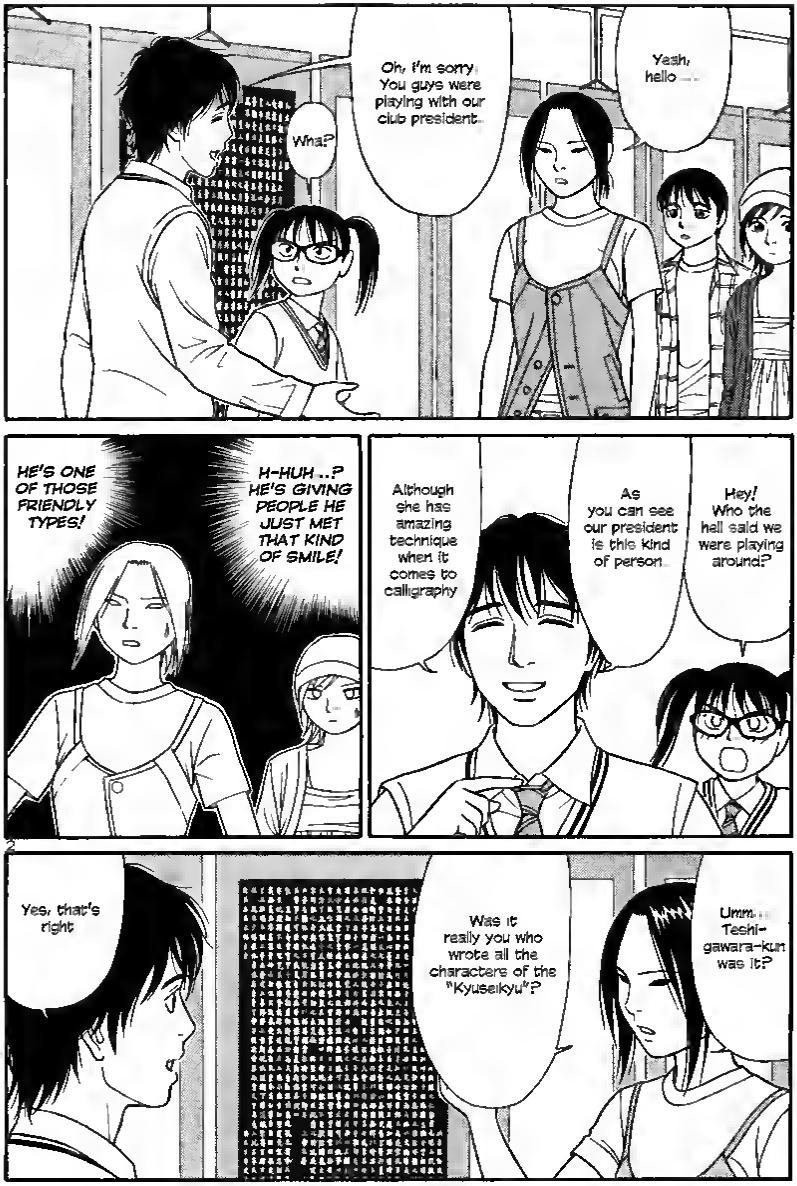
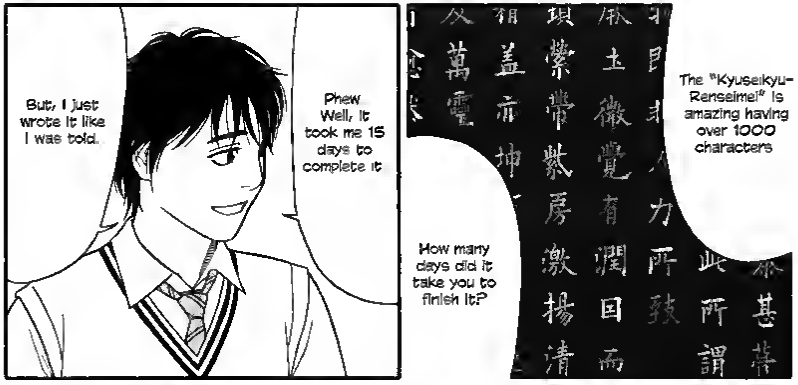
KATSUTOSHI KAWAI PRESENTS

Chapter 11
Kugenuma Academy's Calligraphy Club

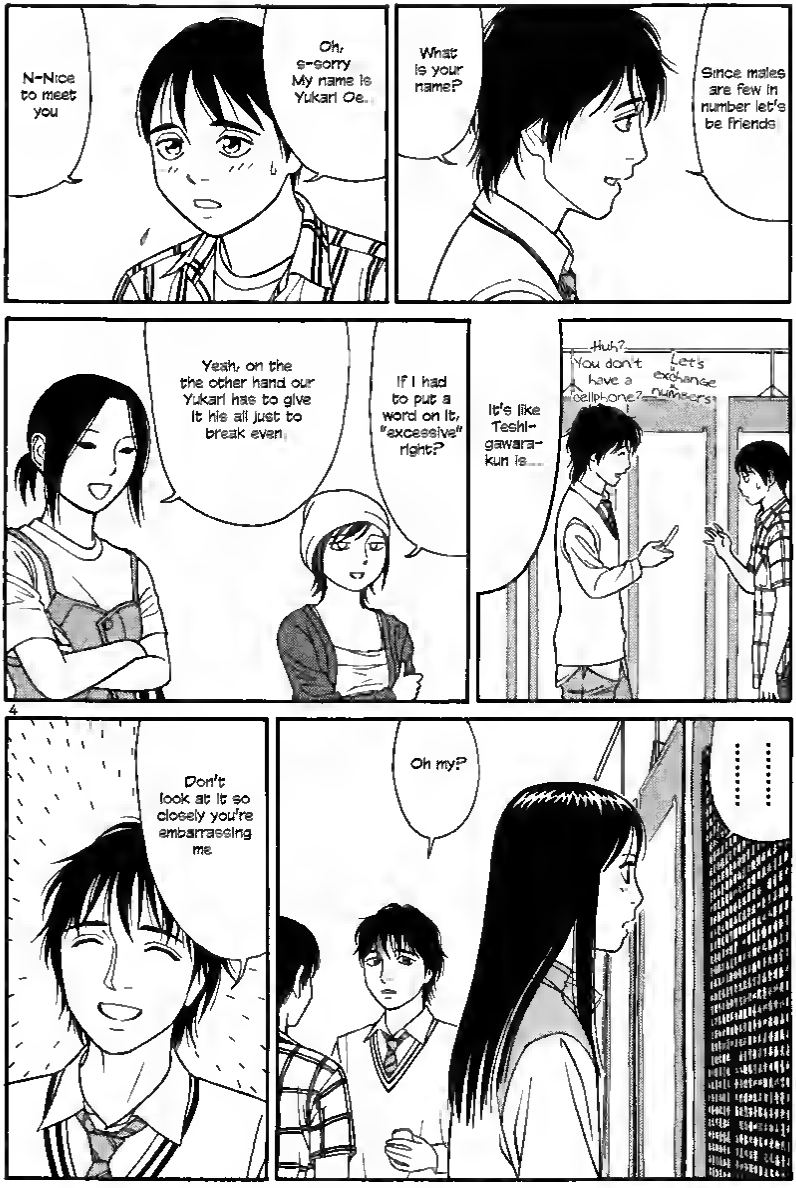
Hello
My name is
Ryo Teshigawara.
I'm a first year
student in Kugenuma
Academy and part of
the calligraphy club.
Oh my
So you
are all from
Suzuri high
school's
calligraphy
club?


Wha?
Oh, I'm sorry. You guys were playing with our club president.
Yeah, hello ...
H-HUH ..? HE'S GIVING PEOPLE HE JUST MET THAT KIND OF SMILE!
HE'S ONE OF THOSE FRIENDLY TYPES!
Although she has amazing technique when it comes to calligraphy
As you can see our president is this kind of person.
Hey! Who the hell said we were playing around?
Yes, that's right
Was it really you who wrote all the characters of the "Kyuseikyu"?
Umm... Teshigawara-kun was it?


But, I just wrote it like I was told.
Phew. Well, it took me 15 days to complete it
How many days did it take you to finish it?
The "Kyuseikyu-Renseimei" is amazing having over 1000 characters

Are you male club member?
Oh?
15 days? Isn't that fast for all of that?

For the most part, calligraphy clubs are overwhelmingly made up of girls So it feels sort of shameful being a male member
Ah Suzuri high school also has a male member I'm so glad
O-Oh, yes I am
Huh?


N-Nice to meet you
Oh, s-sorry My name is Yukari Oe.
What is your name?
Since males are few in number let's be friends
Yeah, on the the other hand our Yukari has to give it his all just to break even.
If I had to put a word on it, "excessive" right?
It's like Teshi-gawara-kun is...
Huh?
You don't have a cell-phone?
Let's exchange numbers!
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Don't look at it so closely you're embarrassing me
Oh my?
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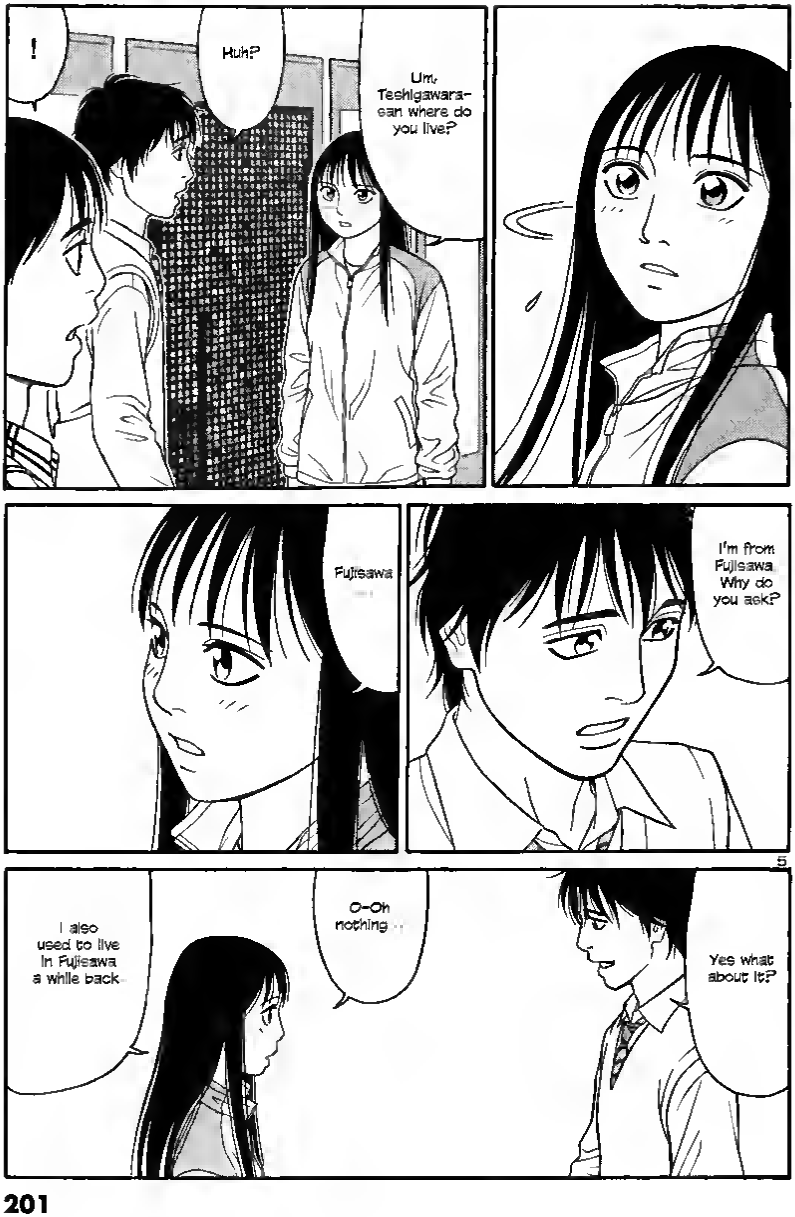
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Huh?
Um, Teshigawara-san where do you live?
Fujisawa
I'm from Fujisawa. Why do you ask?
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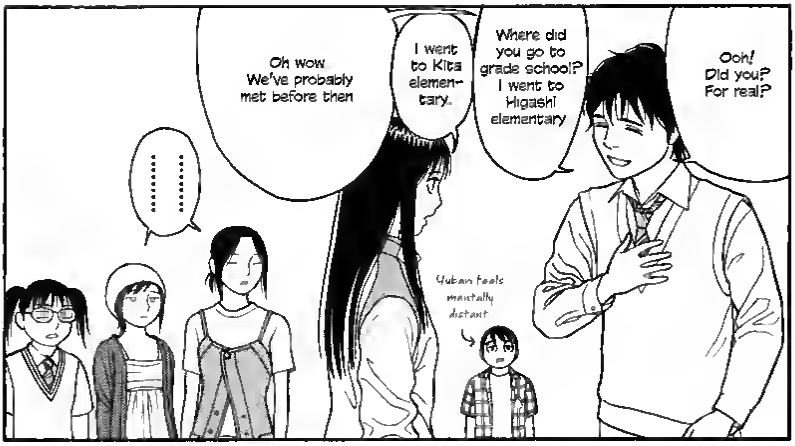
I also used to live in Fujisawa a while back.
O-Oh nothing...
Yes what about it?


Ooh! Did you? For real?
Where did you go to grade school? I went to Higashi elementary
I went to Kita elementary
Oh wow. We've probably met before then
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Yukari feels mentally distant

Haha... that Teshigawara-kun is really friendly
You know! He's even making friends with girls from other schools right away.
Grr...
Hey! Teshigawara! Come here!

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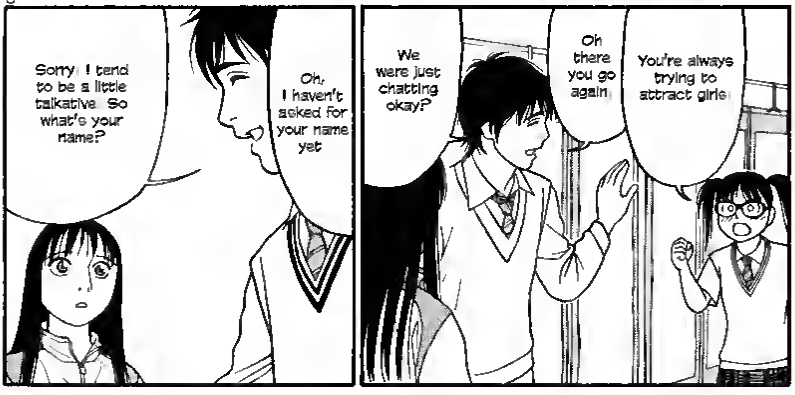
You're always trying to attract girls!
Oh there you go again.
We were just chatting okay?
Oh, I haven't asked for your name yet
Sorry! I tend to be a little talkative. So what's your name?

I'll be sure to remember your name
Okay Mochizuki-san...
Yuki Mochizuki
Bye
Isn't that great? I made two new acquaintances today.
Oe-kun.
Mochi-zuki-san.
7
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This is the first time I've seen that look on Mochizuki-san...
Sensei, this line up is the last of the high school pieces
一花開天下
渓路夕陽芳草
水桃花
8
!
Whoa!
It's a goblin.
Nice! No, I mean...
Shush!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!
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キッ
I-IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO GROPE ME!
WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT TO HIS PRECIOUS RIGHT HAND!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT SENSEI!
OOOOWW!
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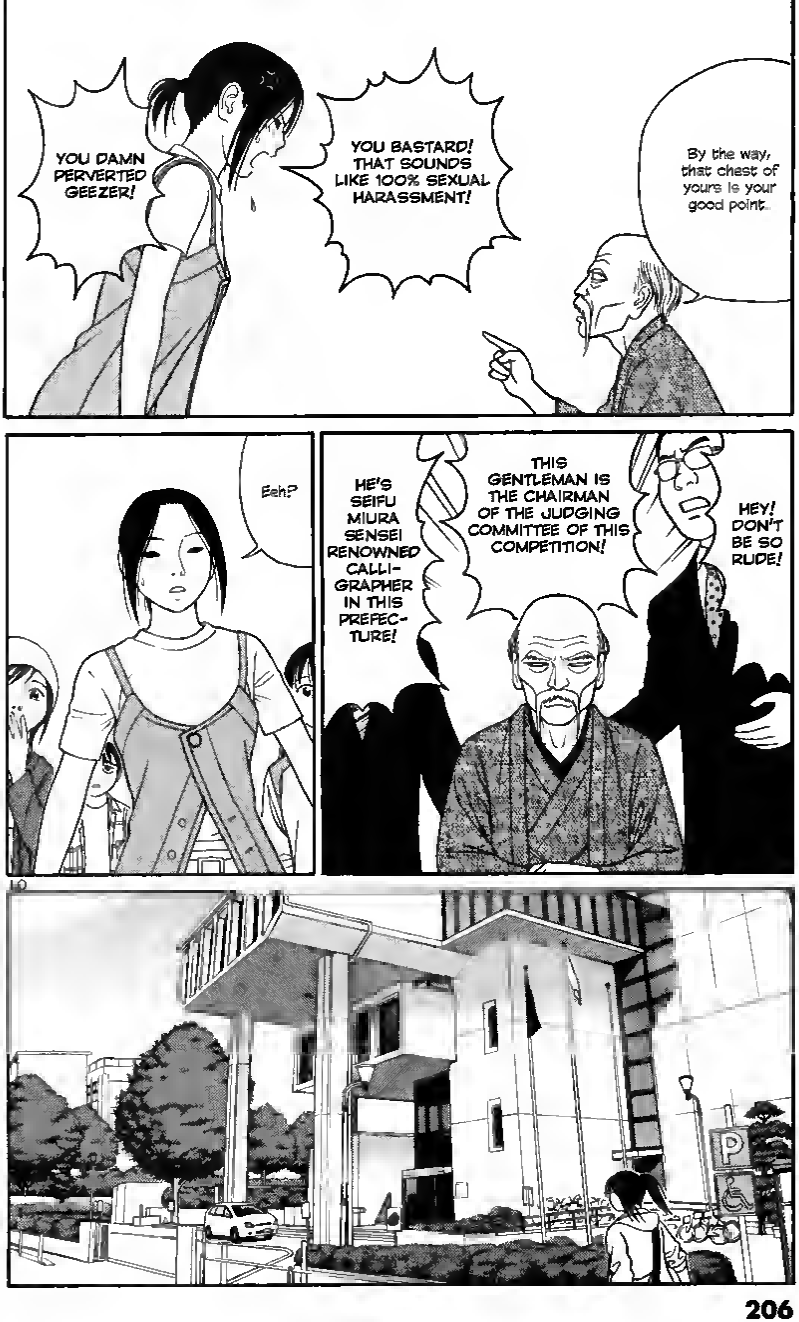
It is a good point that one should develop.
Do you know what is talent?
You'll have 100 talents.
If you have 100 people.


By the way, that chest of yours is your good point.
YOU BASTARD! THAT SOUNDS LIKE 100% SEXUAL HARASSMENT!
YOU DAMN PERVERTED GEEZER!
HEY! DON'T BE SO RUDE!
THIS GENTLEMAN IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDGING COMMITTEE OF THIS COMPETITION!
HE'S SEIFU MIURA SENSEI RENOWNED CALLI-GRAPHER IN THIS PREFEC-TURE!
Eeh?
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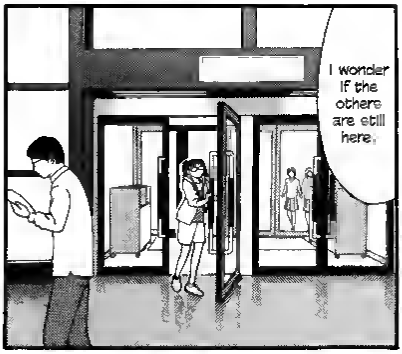
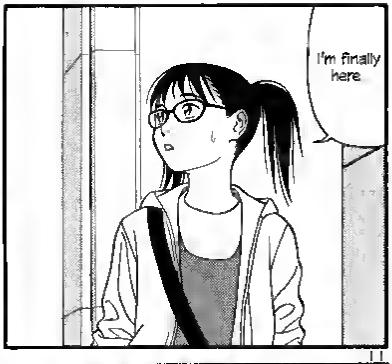
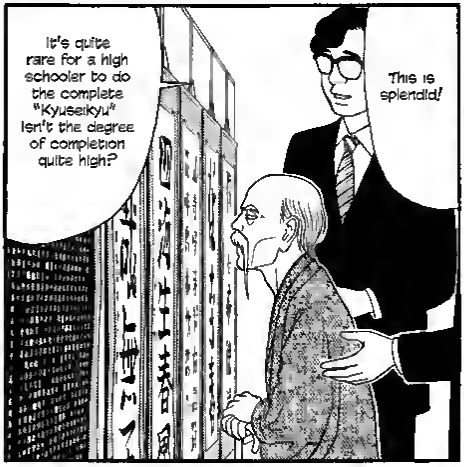
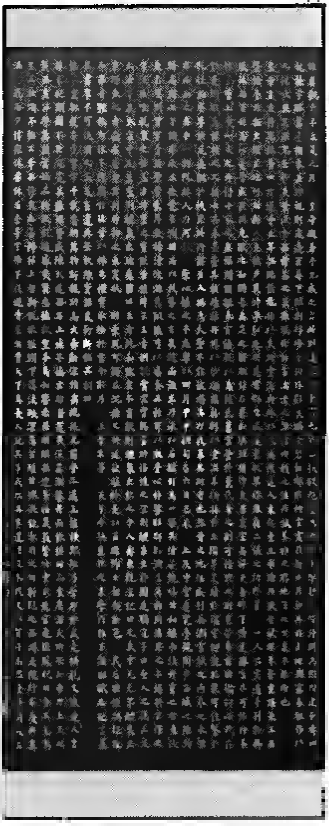
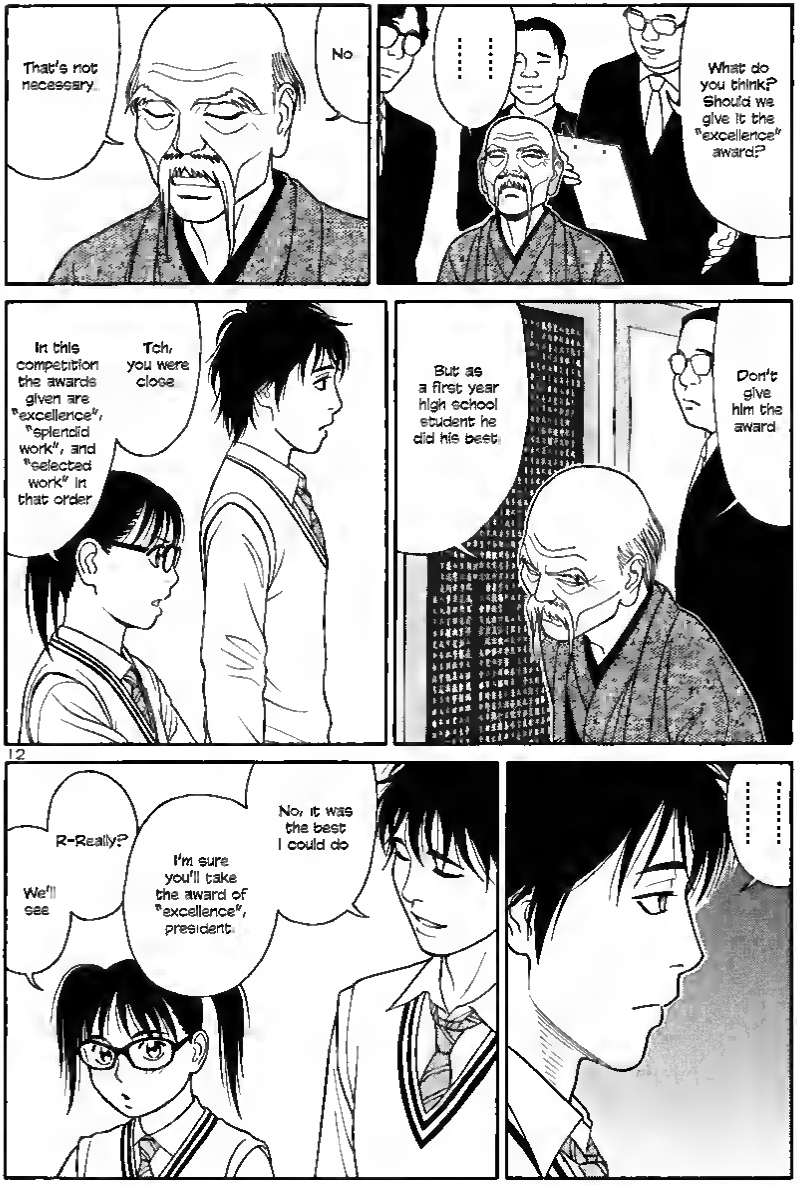

I wonder if the others are still here.


I'm finally here.


It's quite rare for a high schooler to do the complete "Kyuseikyu" Isn't the degree of completion quite high?
This is splendid!



Good. As I thought It seems to be quite popular, Teshigawara.


That's not necessary.
No
What do you think? Should we give it the "excellence" award?
In this competition the awards given are "excellence", "splendid work", and "selected work" in that order
Tch, you were close
But as a first year high school student he did his best.
Don't give him the award
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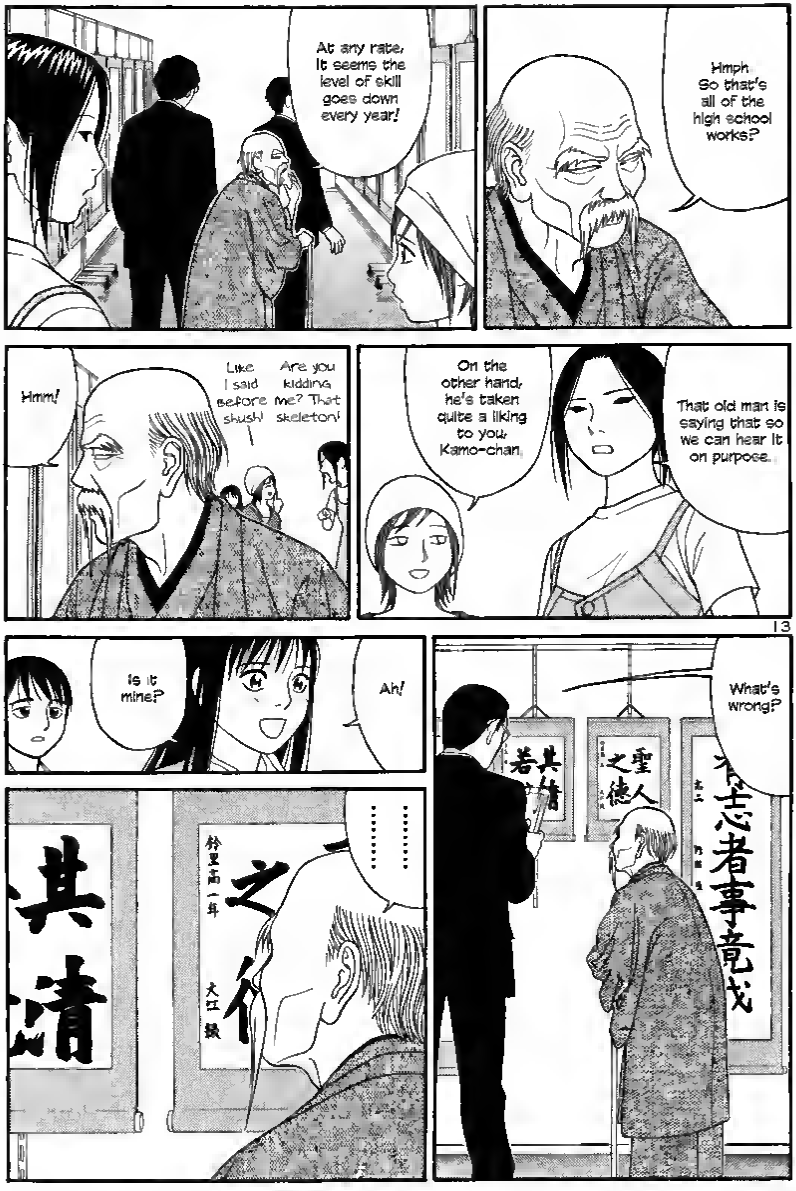
R-Really?
We'll see
I'm sure you'll take the award of "excellence", president.
No, it was the best I could do


At any rate, It seems the level of skill goes down every year!
Hmph. So that's all of the high school works?
Hmm!
Like I said before shush!
Are you kidding me? That skeleton!
On the other hand, he's taken quite a liking to you, Kamo-chan.
That old man is saying that so we can hear it on purpose.
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Is it mine?
Ah!
What's wrong?
.....
鈴里高一年
大江 織
共清
之作
聖人之徳
若共清
不忘者事竟成

IS THE PERSON WHO WROTE THIS PIECE PRESENT!
聖人之徳
GRR!
His name is Yukari-kun!
Eeh?
Yes, he's this guy right here
I'm so glad it wasn't mine
WOW! IS HE ANGRY!?
YOU CAN'T FOOL MY EYES BOY!
YOU DAMN NOVICE! YOU'VE ONLY HELD A BRUSH FOR A FEW DAYS NO!
Y-Yes sir
IS IT YOU! COME HERE!
眠不忘見暁
T-That's right.
Y-Yes!

!
What?
AT THE VERY LEAST EVERY DAY FOR 6 MONTHS!
WRITE MORE!
春眠不覺
福壽齒
Y-Yes sir...
Got it!
You should submit your work after you've done that!
Sensei, there are two pieces in the running for the "excellence" award. You need to pick one
Oh yes you're right.
I'm just having no luck today...
Oh man, he sure scolded you.
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Huh, you say something?
That looked more like "encouragement" to me though.
Nope...

終以文徳懐遠人東
越青丘南踰丹徼皆
ダ・リン
いろんな角度から
君を見てきた
I'll decide after lining them up
Bring those two pieces over here
Yes sir
Ugh... Hiromi's ae well?
Oh that's your piece president just as I expected!
The prez is amazing!
Oh it's Hino-chan's piece!
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Looks like they are excited about something
Oh there they are
Wow! Look he's pissed!
HEY! PIPE DOWN KIDS!

Hino-chan
Height 150 cm.

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